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CYBORG 009

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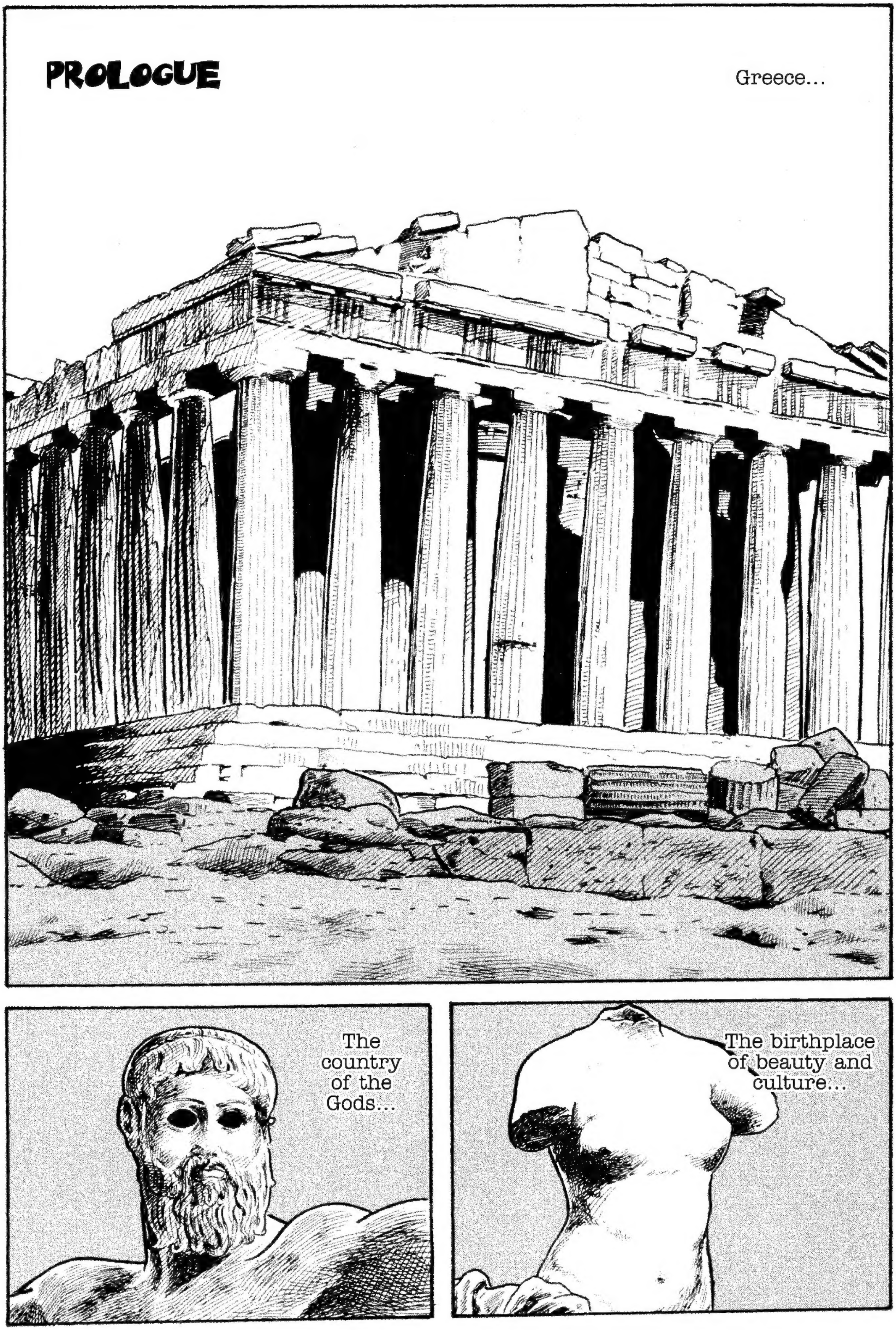
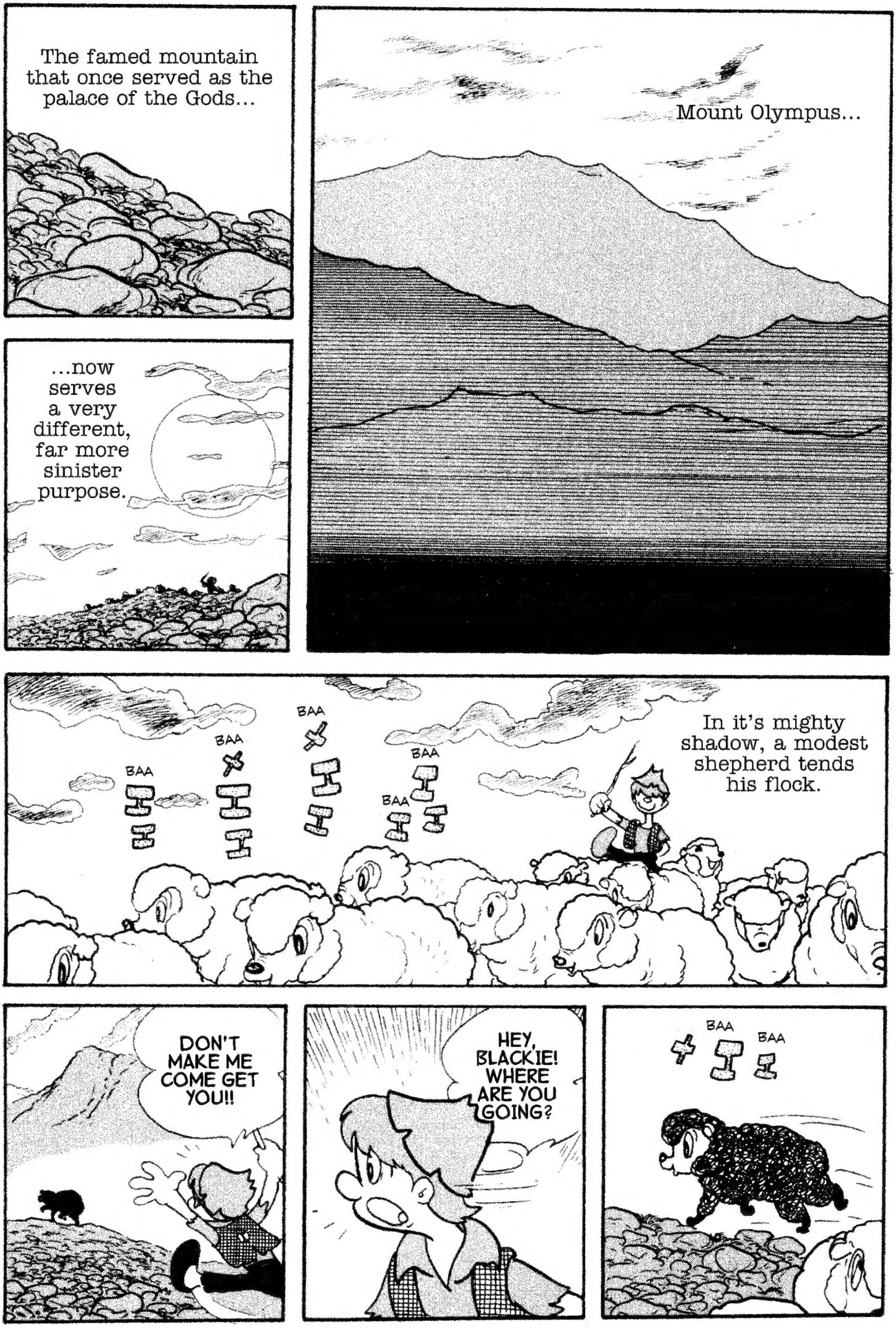
PROLOGUE


Greece...
The country of the Gods...
The birthplace of beauty and culture...


The famed mountain that once served as the palace of the Gods...
Mount Olympus...
...now serves a very different, far more sinister purpose.
BAA
BAA
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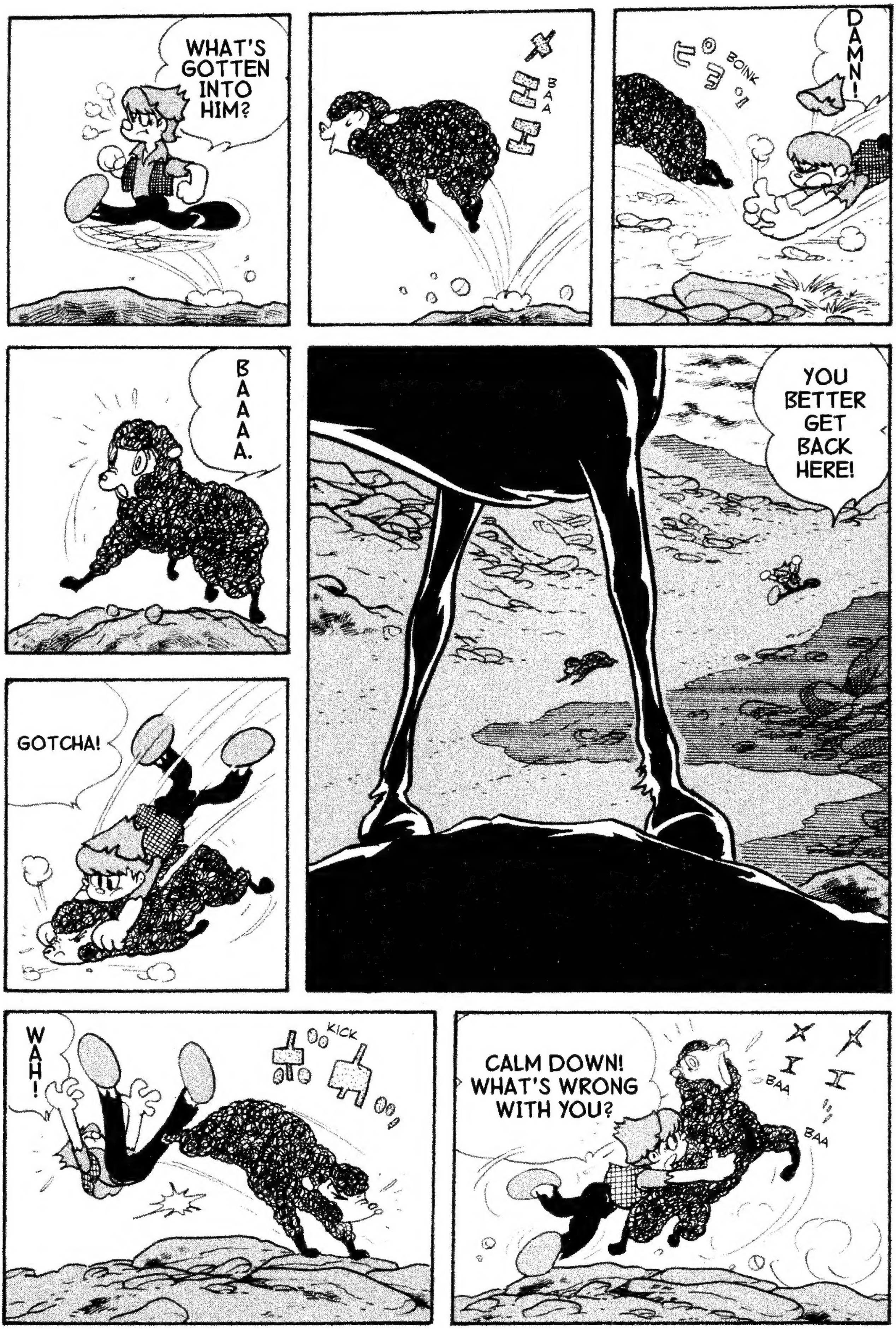
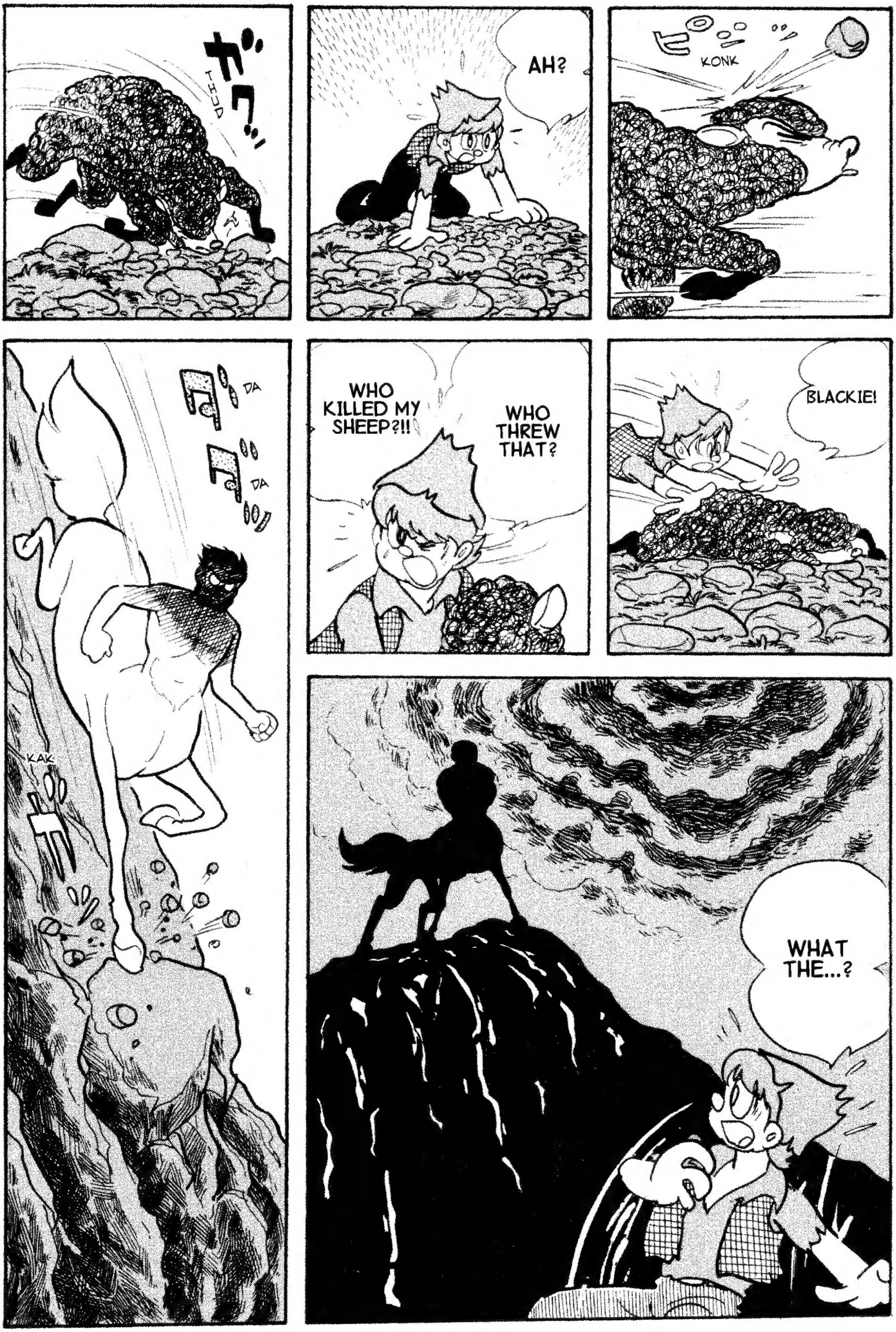
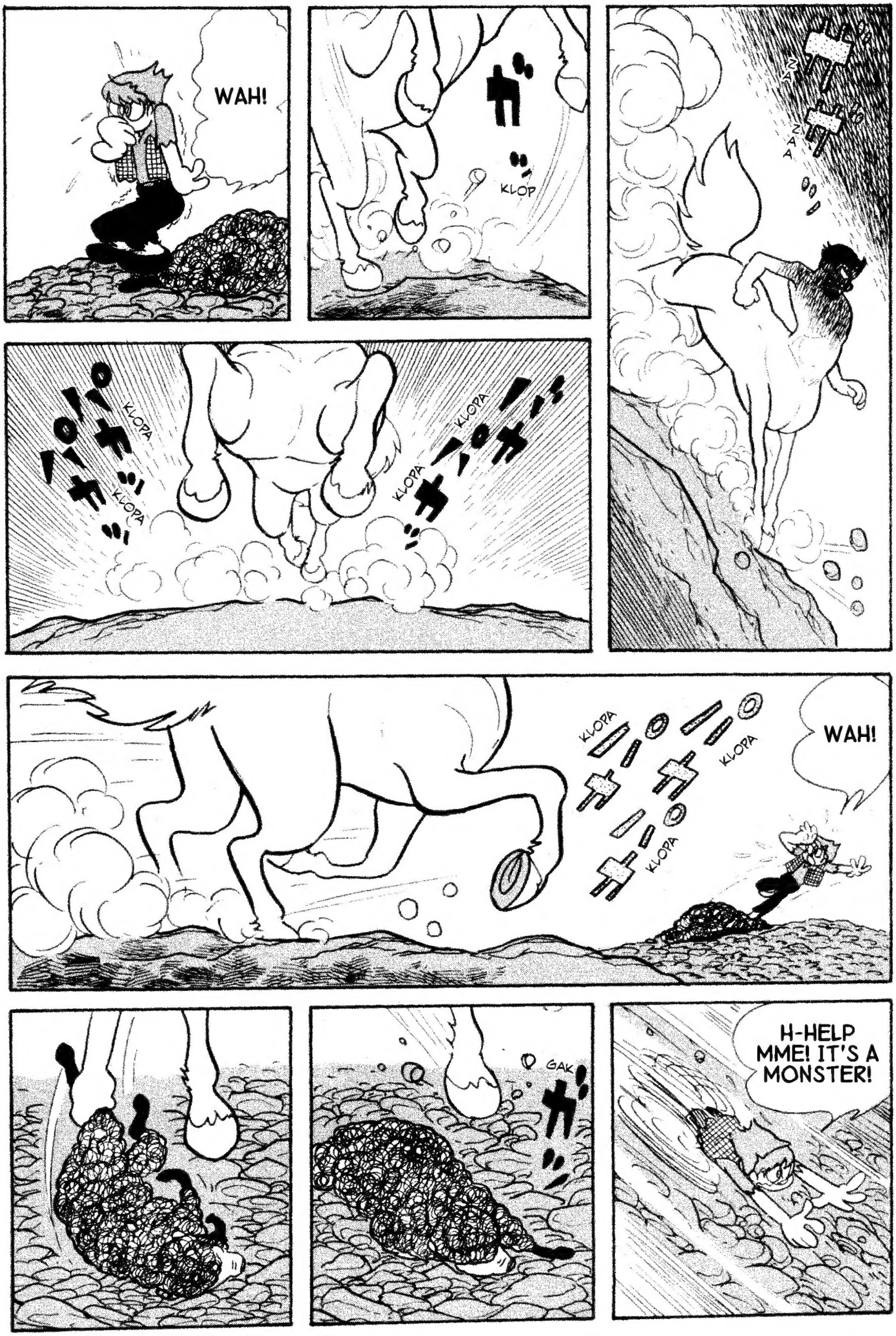
In it's mighty shadow, a modest shepherd tends his flock.
DON'T MAKE ME COME GET YOU!!
HEY, BLACKIE! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
BAA
BAA


WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO HIM?
BAA
BOINK
DAMN!
BAAAA.
YOU BETTER GET BACK HERE!
GOTCHA!
WAH!
KICK
CALM DOWN! WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?
BAA
BAA


KONK
AH?
THUD
BLACKIE!
WHO THREW THAT?
WHO KILLED MY SHEEP?!!
WHAT THE...?
DA
DA
KAK


WAH!
KLOP
ZAA
ZAA
KLOPA
KLOPA
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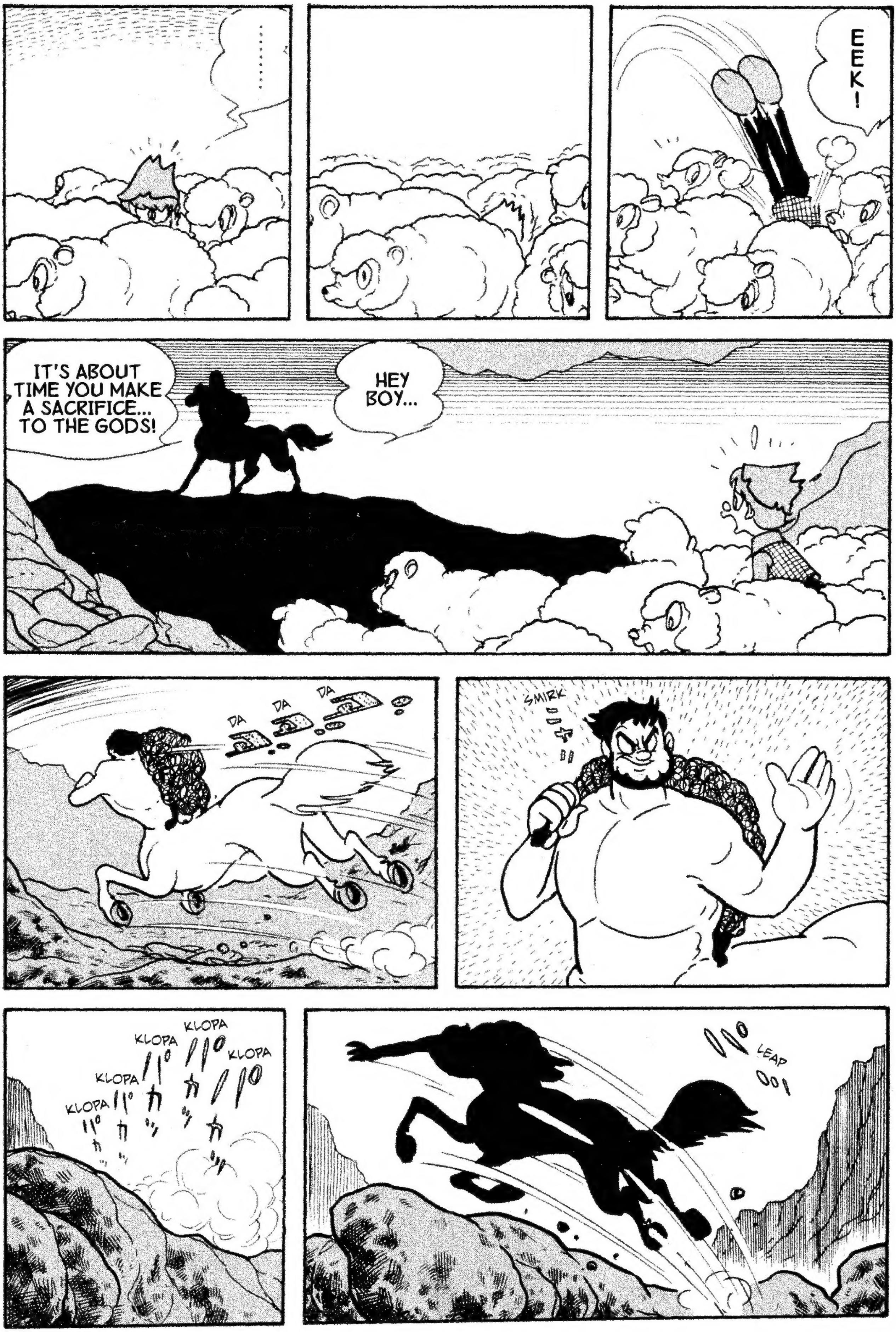
KLOPA
WAH!
GAK
H-HELP MME! IT'S A MONSTER!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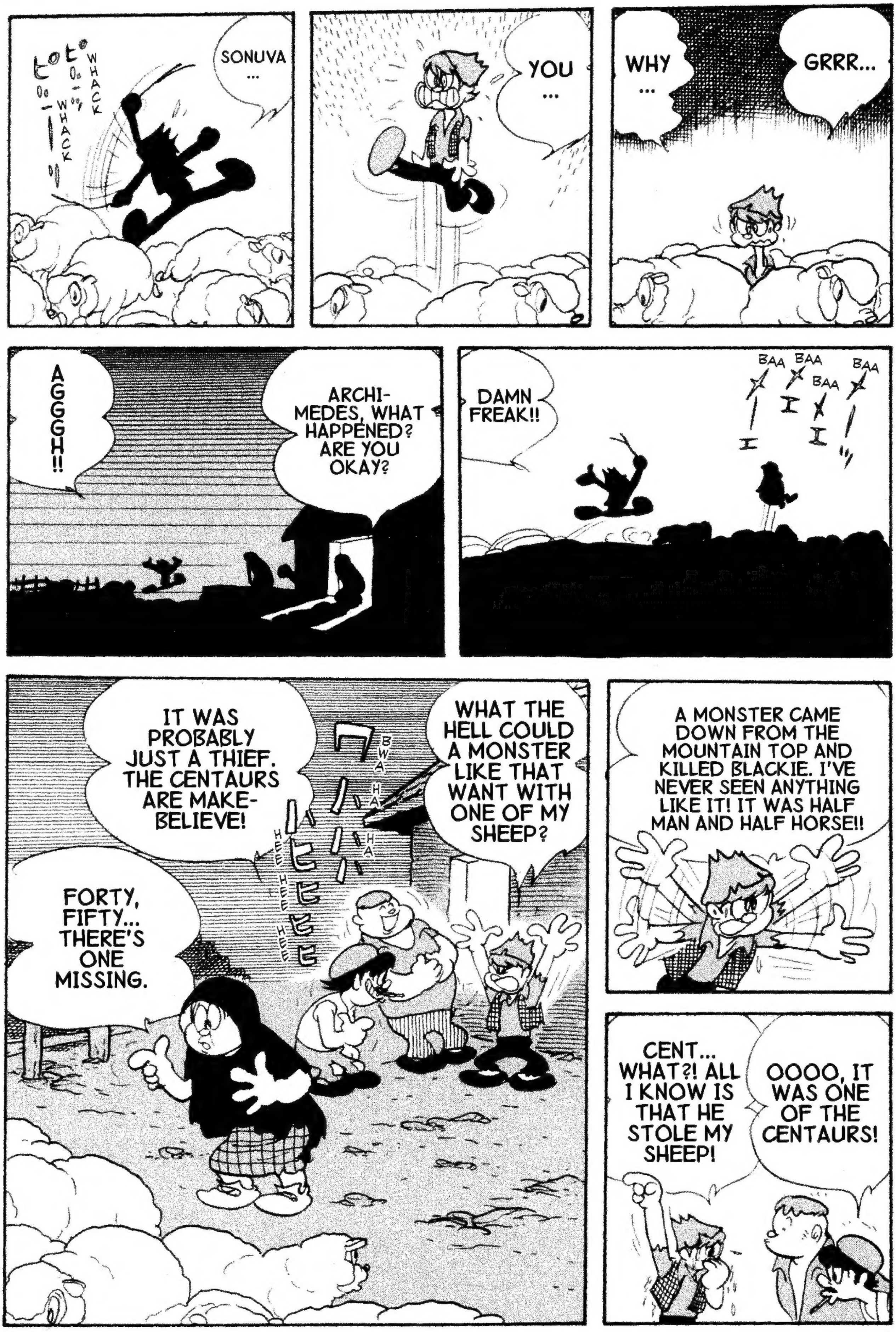
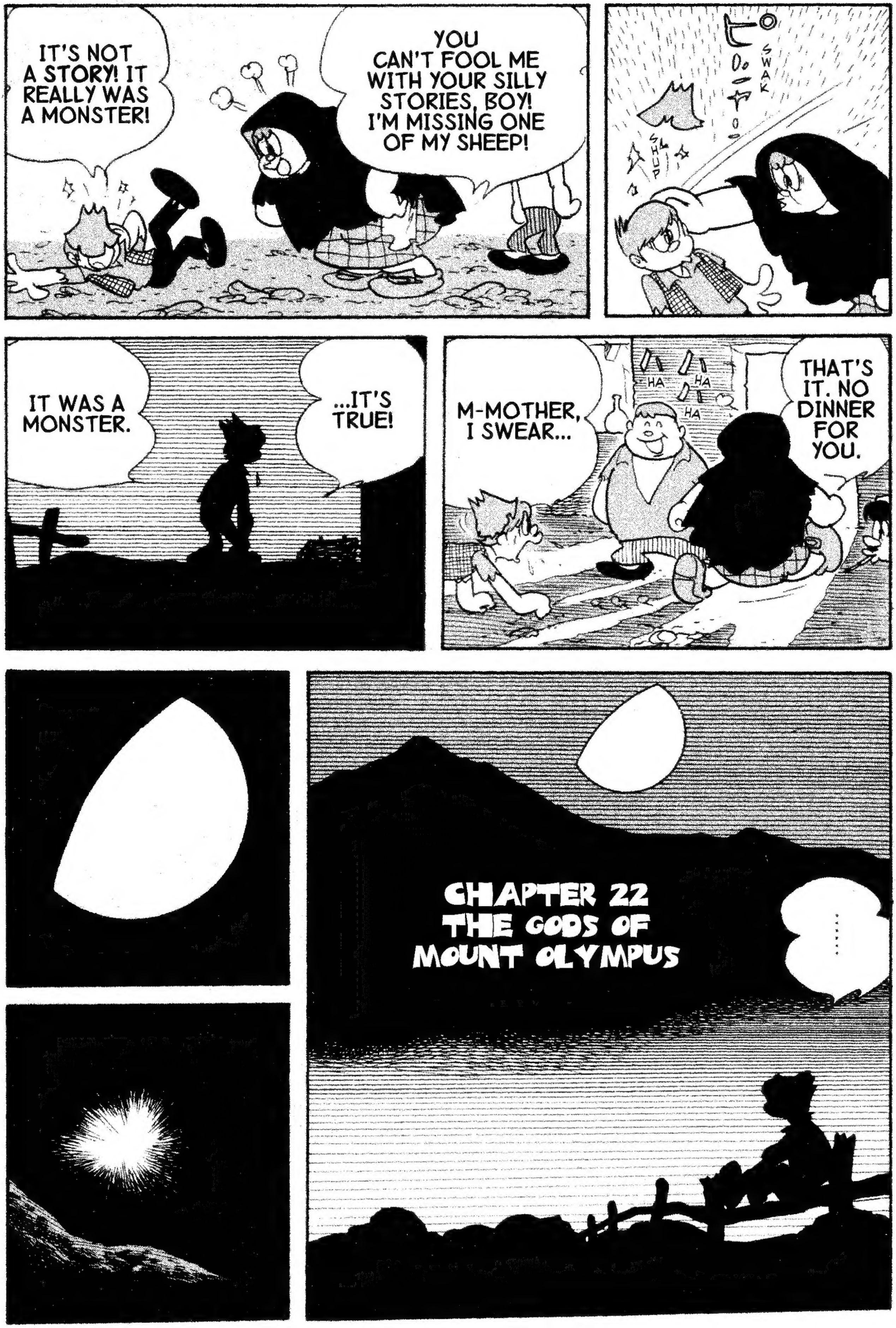
EEK!
HEY BOY...
IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU MAKE A SACRIFICE... TO THE GODS!
DA
DA
DA
SMIRK
KLOPA
KLOPA
KLOPA
KLOPA
KLOPA
LEAP


GRRR...
WHY ...
YOU ...
SONUVA ...
WHACK WHACK
BAA BAA BAA BAA
DAMN FREAK!!
ARCHIMEDES, WHAT HAPPENED? ARE YOU OKAY?
AGGGH!!
A MONSTER CAME DOWN FROM THE MOUNTAIN TOP AND KILLED BLACKIE. I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT! IT WAS HALF MAN AND HALF HORSE!!
OOOO, IT WAS ONE OF THE CENTAURS!
CENT... WHAT?! ALL I KNOW IS THAT HE STOLE MY SHEEP!
WHAT THE HELL COULD A MONSTER LIKE THAT WANT WITH ONE OF MY SHEEP?
BWA HA HA
HEE HEE HEE HEE
IT WAS PROBABLY JUST A THIEF. THE CENTAURS ARE MAKE-BELIEVE!
FORTY, FIFTY... THERE'S ONE MISSING.


IT'S NOT A STORY! IT REALLY WAS A MONSTER!
YOU CAN'T FOOL ME WITH YOUR SILLY STORIES, BOY! I'M MISSING ONE OF MY SHEEP!
SWAK
SHUP
IT WAS A MONSTER.
...IT'S TRUE!
M-MOTHER, I SWEAR...
HA
HA
HA
THAT'S IT. NO DINNER FOR YOU.
CHAPTER 22
THE GODS OF MOUNT OLYMPUS
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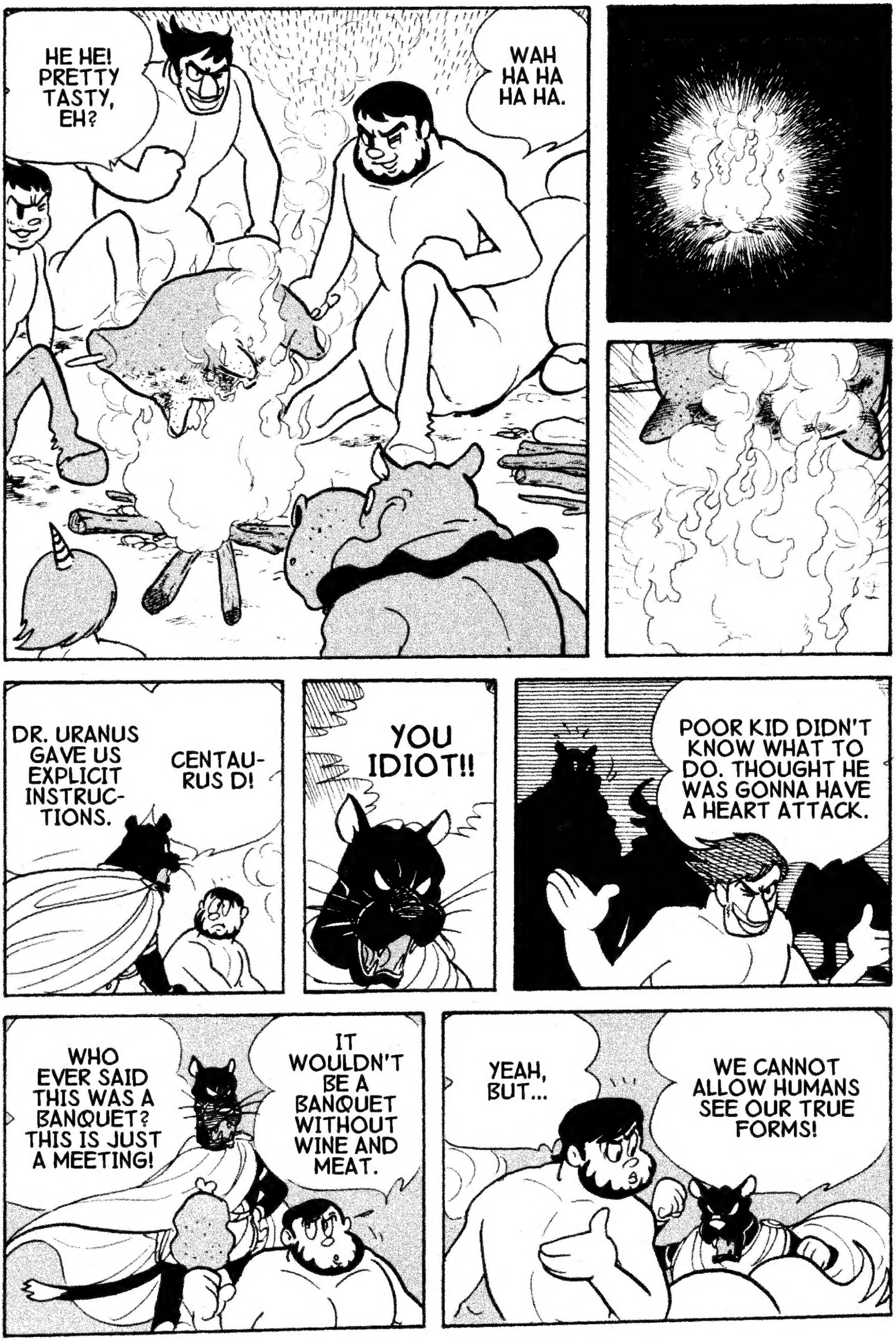
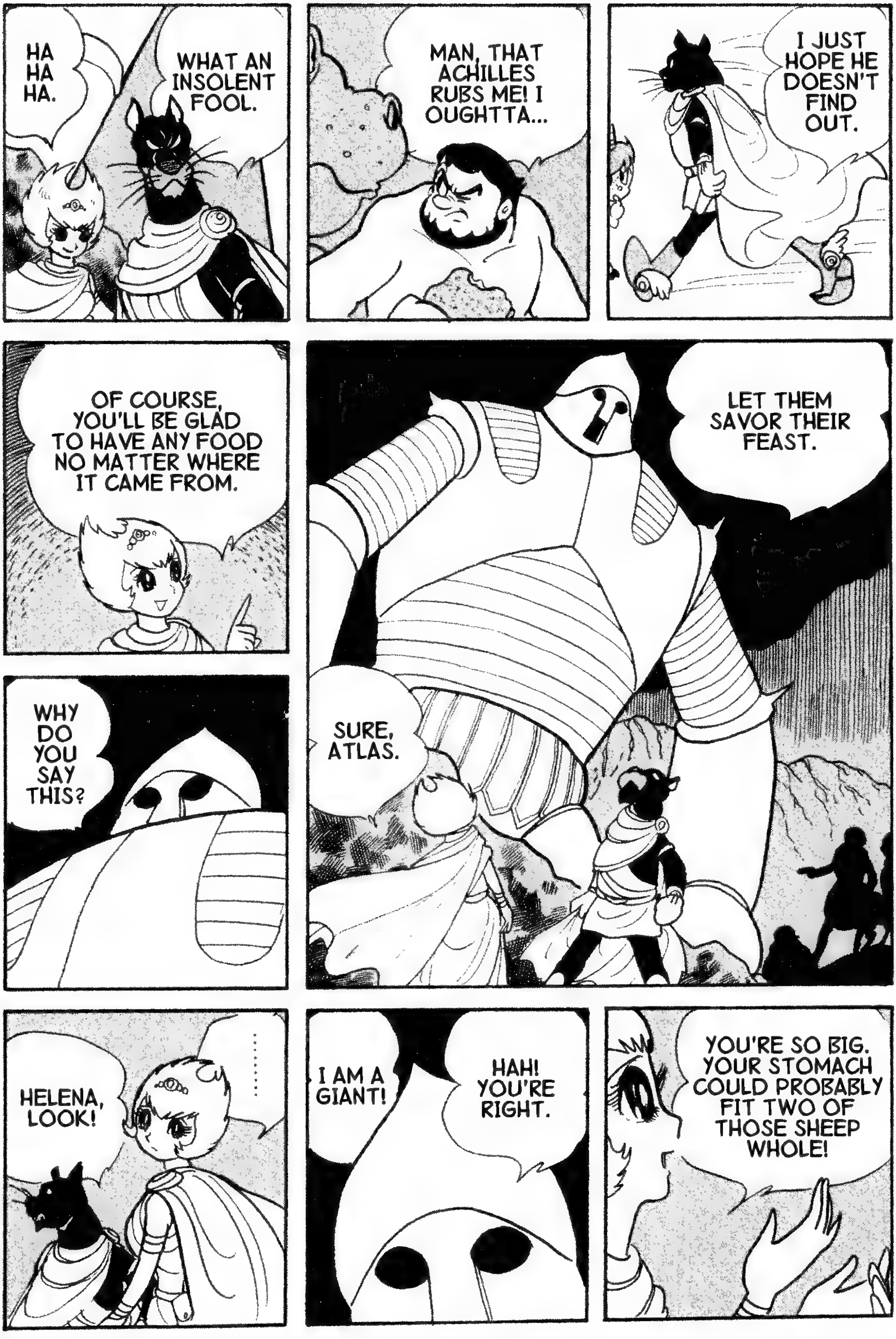
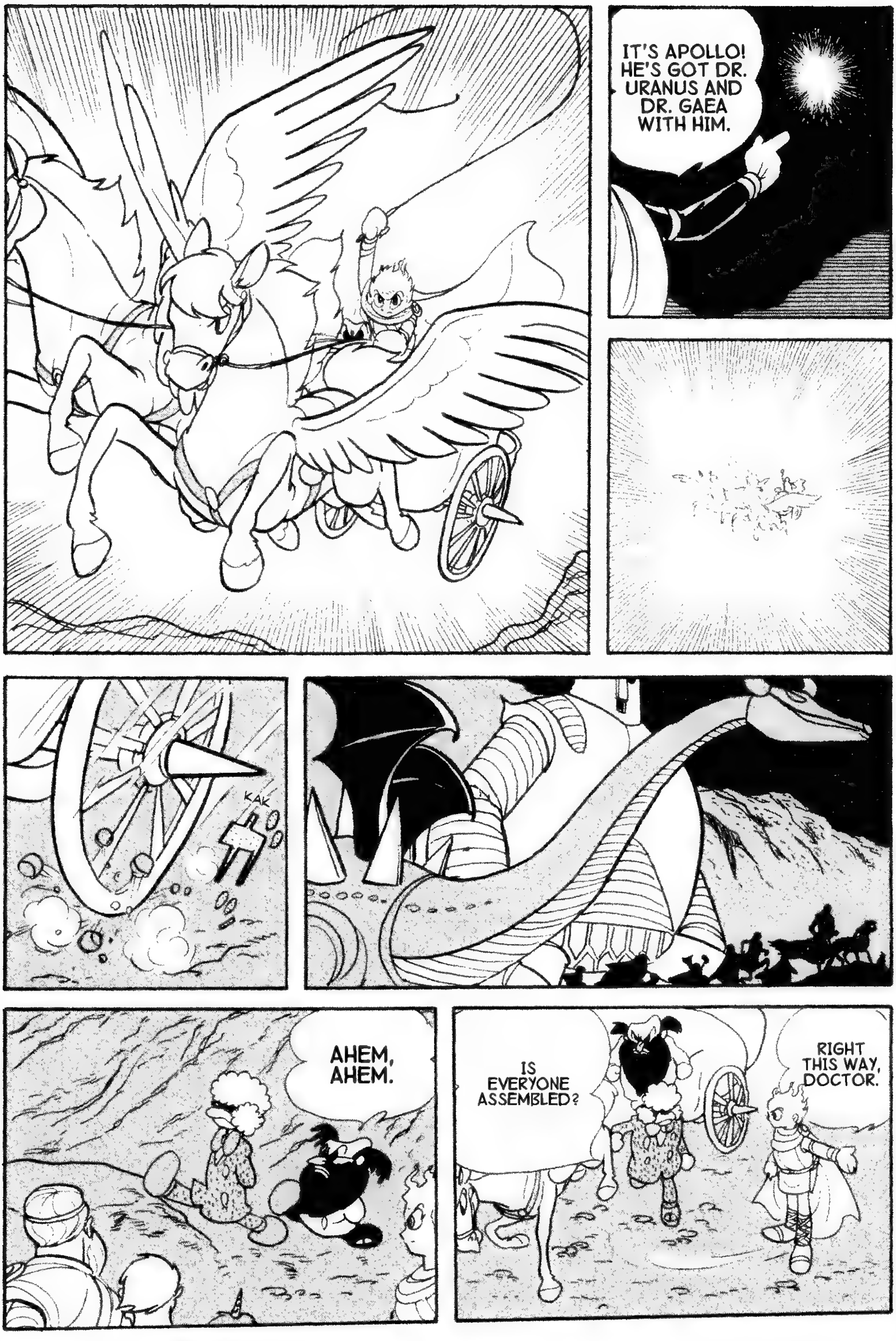
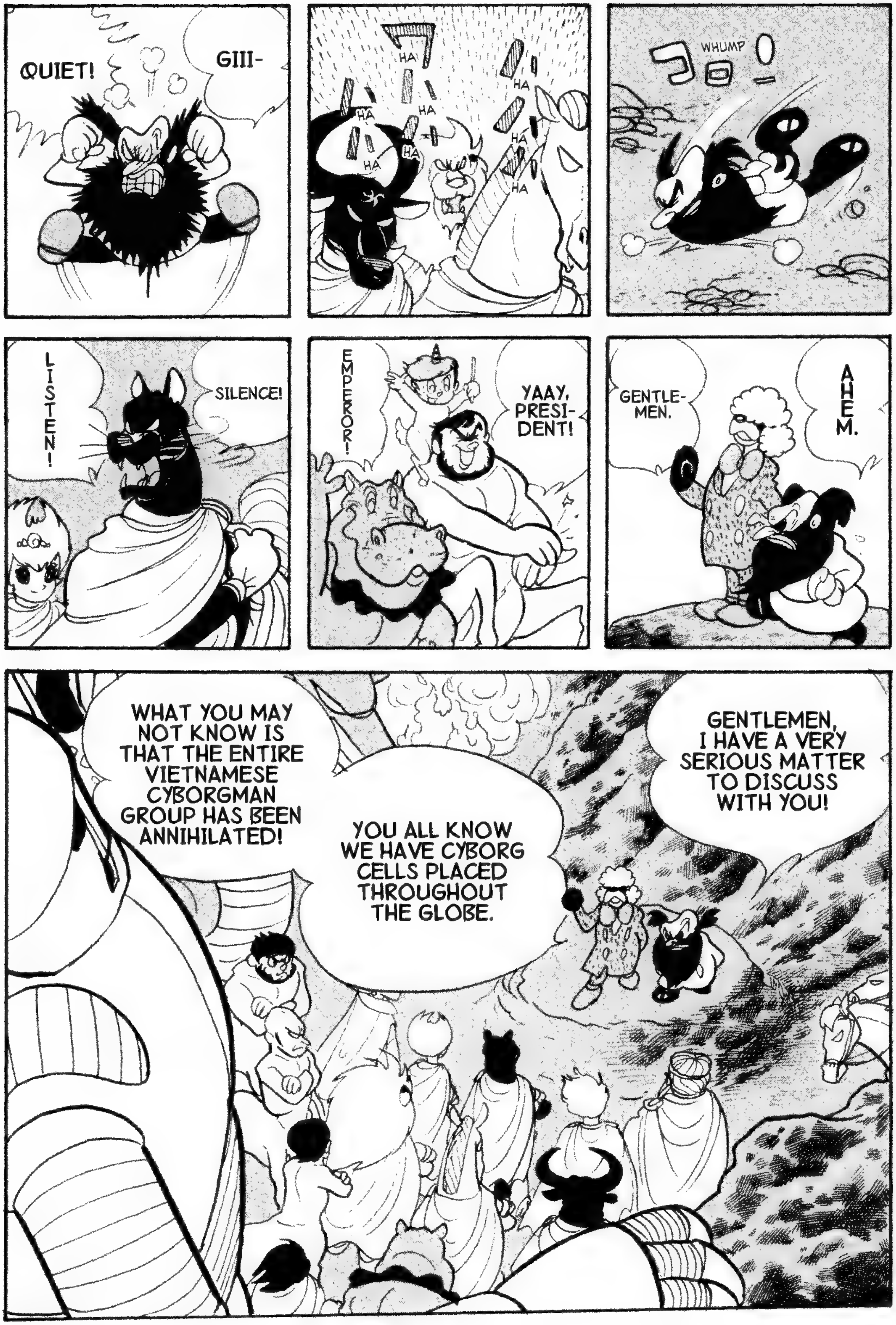

HE HE! PRETTY TASTY, EH?
WAH HA HA HA HA.
DR. URANUS GAVE US EXPLICIT INSTRUCTIONS.
CENTAURUS D!
YOU IDIOT!!
POOR KID DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO. THOUGHT HE WAS GONNA HAVE A HEART ATTACK.
WHO EVER SAID THIS WAS A BANQUET? THIS IS JUST A MEETING!
IT WOULDN'T BE A BANQUET WITHOUT WINE AND MEAT.
YEAH, BUT...
WE CANNOT ALLOW HUMANS SEE OUR TRUE FORMS!


HA HA HA.
WHAT AN INSOLENT FOOL.
MAN, THAT ACHILLES RUBS ME! I OUGHTTA...
I JUST HOPE HE DOESN'T FIND OUT.
OF COURSE, YOU'LL BE GLAD TO HAVE ANY FOOD NO MATTER WHERE IT CAME FROM.
LET THEM SAVOR THEIR FEAST.
SURE, ATLAS.
WHY DO YOU SAY THIS?
HELENA, LOOK!
....
I AM A GIANT!
HAH! YOU'RE RIGHT.
YOU'RE SO BIG. YOUR STOMACH COULD PROBABLY FIT TWO OF THOSE SHEEP WHOLE!


IT'S APOLLO! HE'S GOT DR. URANUS AND DR. GAEA WITH HIM.
KAK
AHEM, AHEM.
IS EVERYONE ASSEMBLED?
RIGHT THIS WAY, DOCTOR.


WHUMP
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HA
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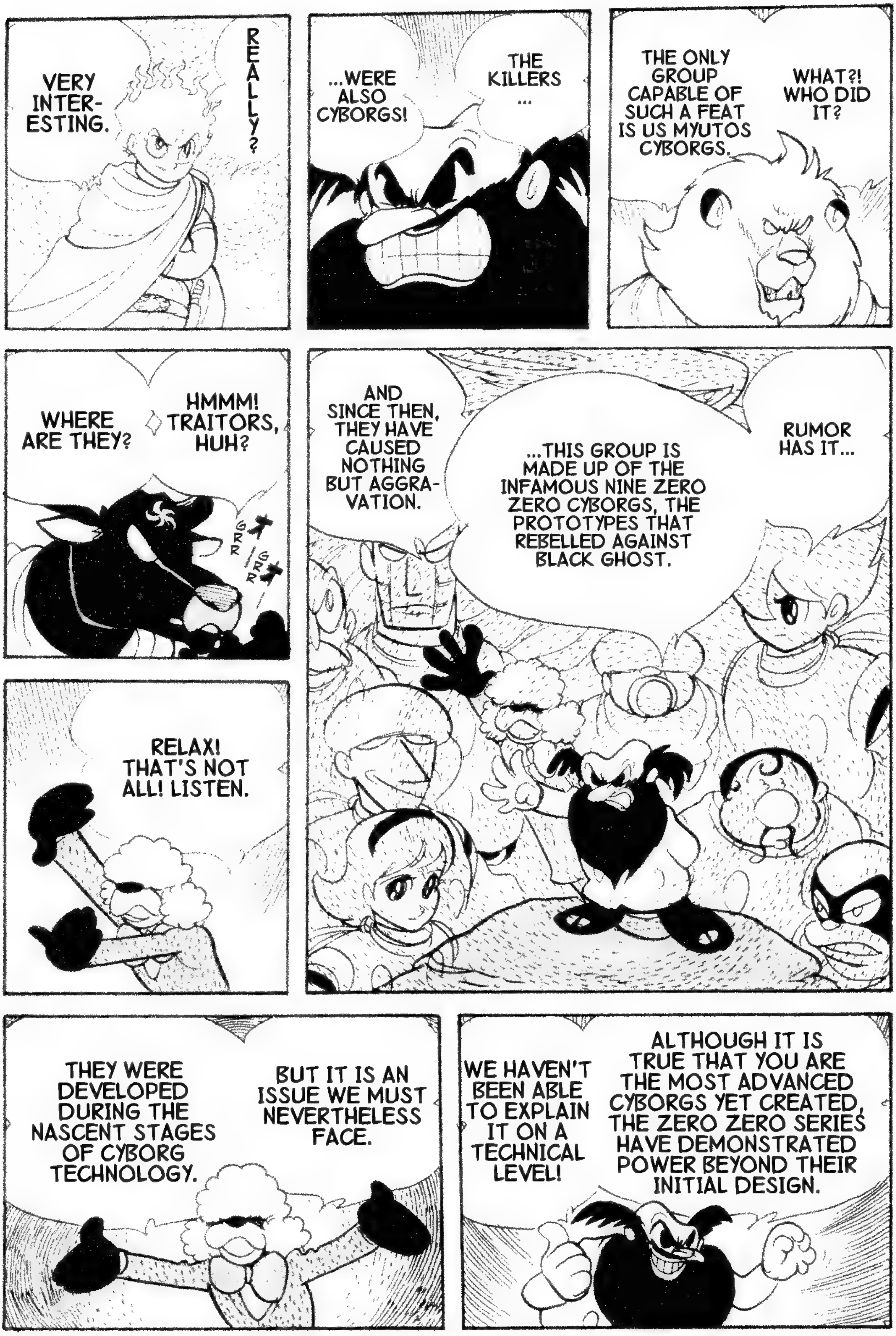
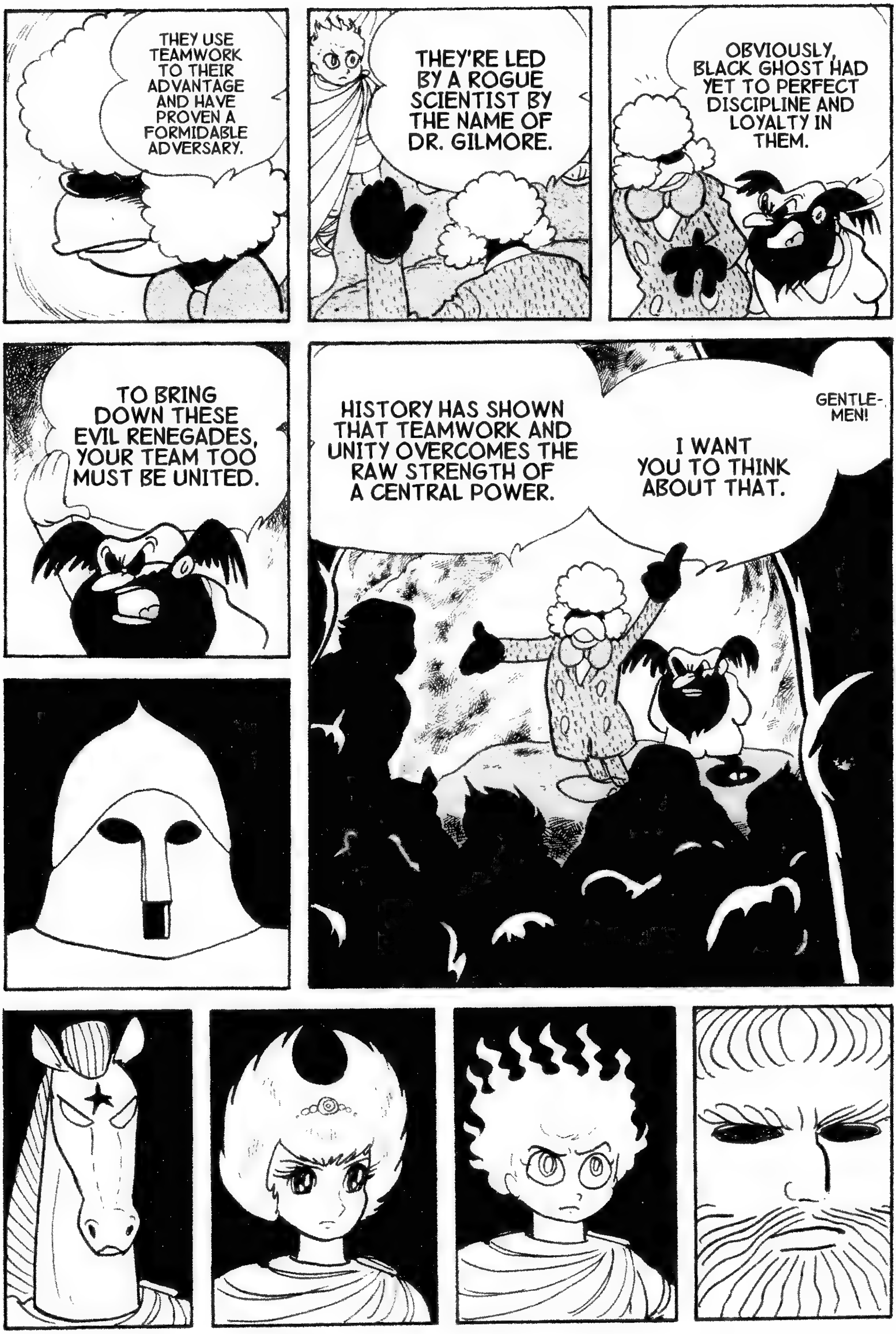
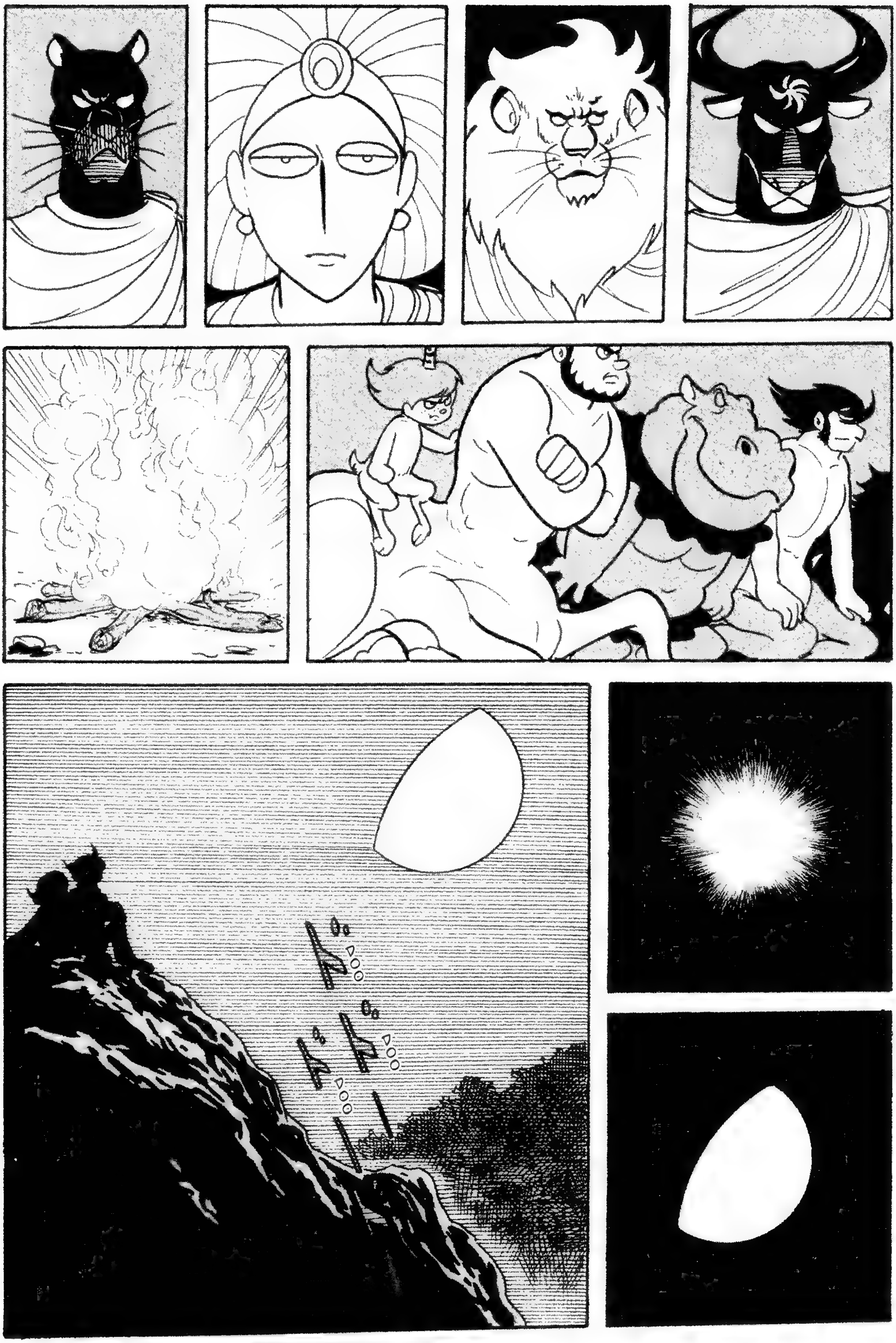
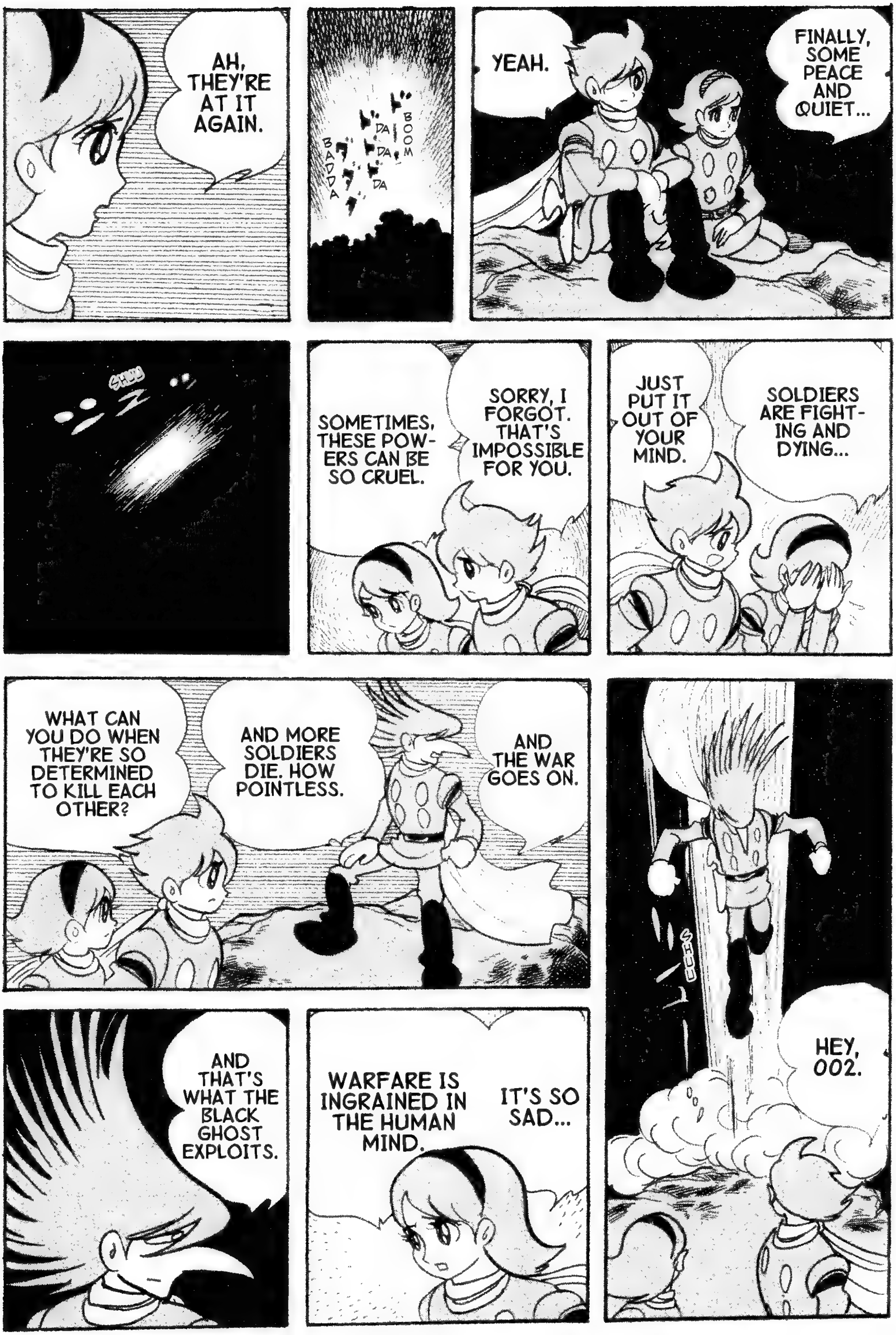
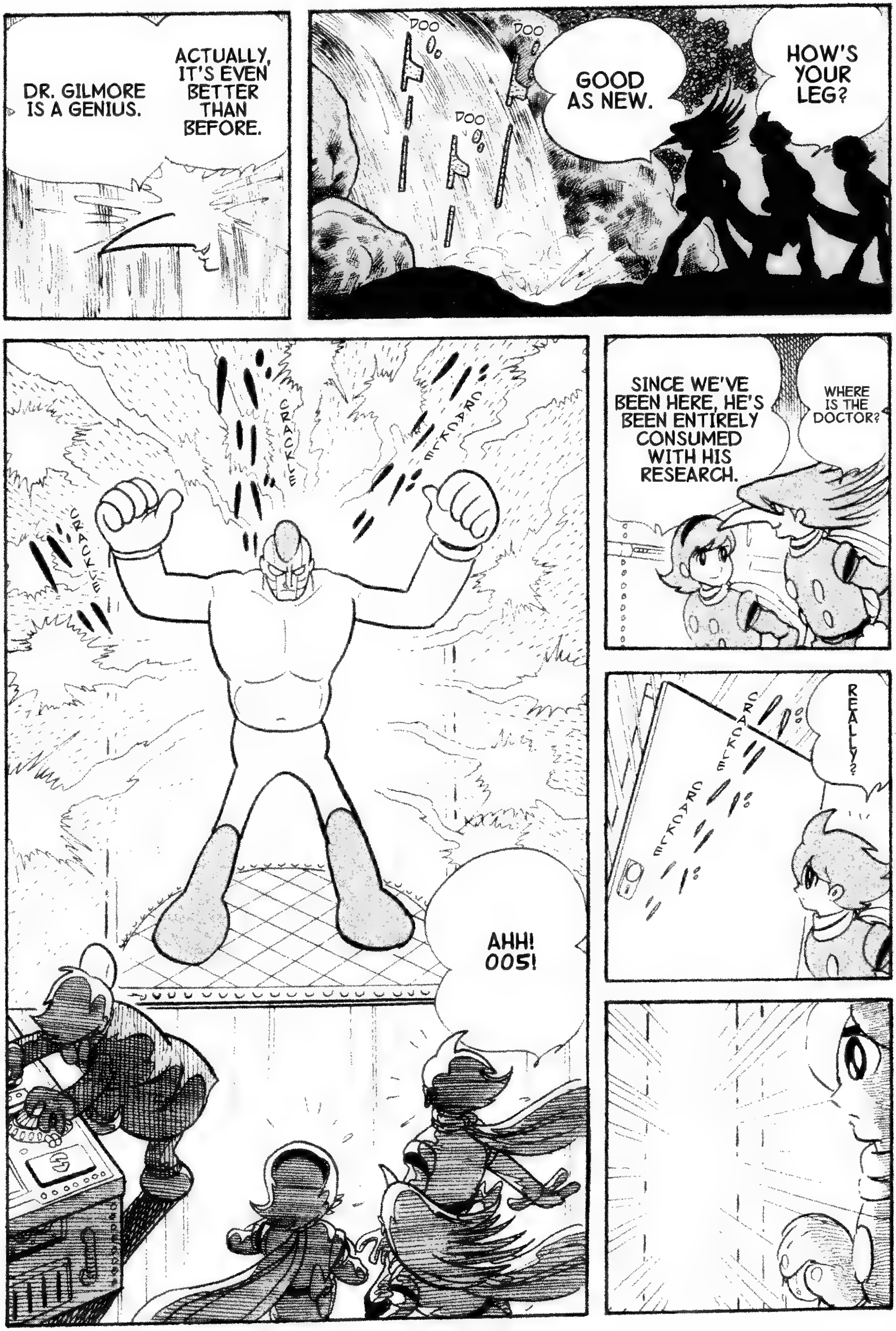
HA
HA
HA
HA
GIII-
QUIET!
AHEM.
GENTLEMEN.
YAAY, PRESIDENT!
EMPEROR!
SILENCE!
LISTEN!
GENTLEMEN, I HAVE A VERY SERIOUS MATTER TO DISCUSS WITH YOU!
YOU ALL KNOW WE HAVE CYBORG CELLS PLACED THROUGHOUT THE GLOBE.
WHAT YOU MAY NOT KNOW IS THAT THE ENTIRE VIETNAMESE CYBORGMAN GROUP HAS BEEN ANNIHILATED!

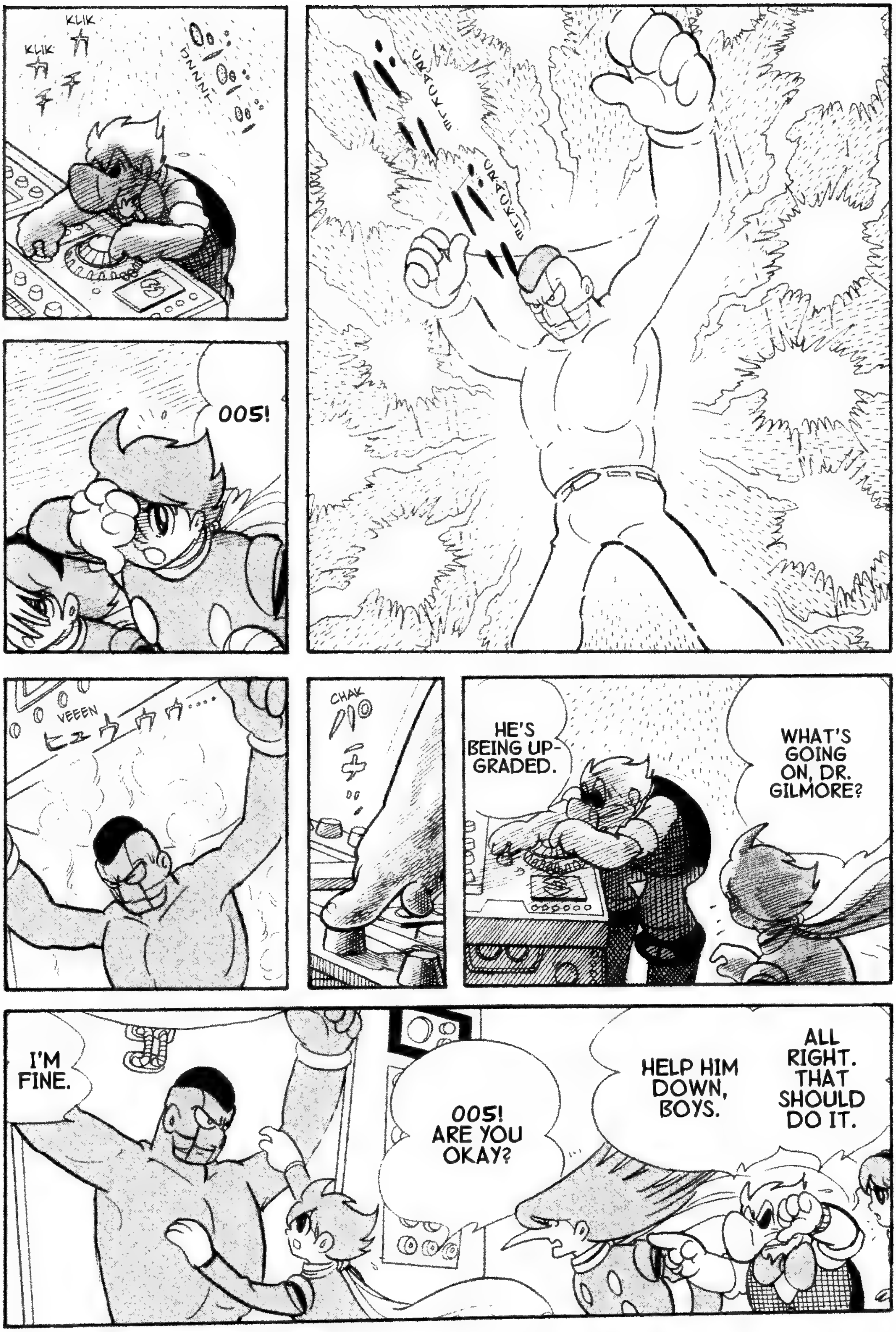

WHAT?! WHO DID IT?
THE ONLY GROUP CAPABLE OF SUCH A FEAT IS US MYUTOS CYBORGS.
THE KILLERS ...
...WERE ALSO CYBORGS!
REALLY?
VERY INTERESTING.
RUMOR HAS IT...
...THIS GROUP IS MADE UP OF THE INFAMOUS NINE ZERO ZERO CYBORGS, THE PROTOTYPES THAT REBELLED AGAINST BLACK GHOST.
AND SINCE THEN, THEY HAVE CAUSED NOTHING BUT AGGRAVATION.
HMMM! TRAITORS, HUH?
WHERE ARE THEY?
GRR GRR
RELAX! THAT'S NOT ALL! LISTEN.
ALTHOUGH IT IS TRUE THAT YOU ARE THE MOST ADVANCED CYBORGS YET CREATED, THE ZERO ZERO SERIES HAVE DEMONSTRATED POWER BEYOND THEIR INITIAL DESIGN.
WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO EXPLAIN IT ON A TECHNICAL LEVEL!
BUT IT IS AN ISSUE WE MUST NEVERTHELESS FACE.
THEY WERE DEVELOPED DURING THE NASCENT STAGES OF CYBORG TECHNOLOGY.

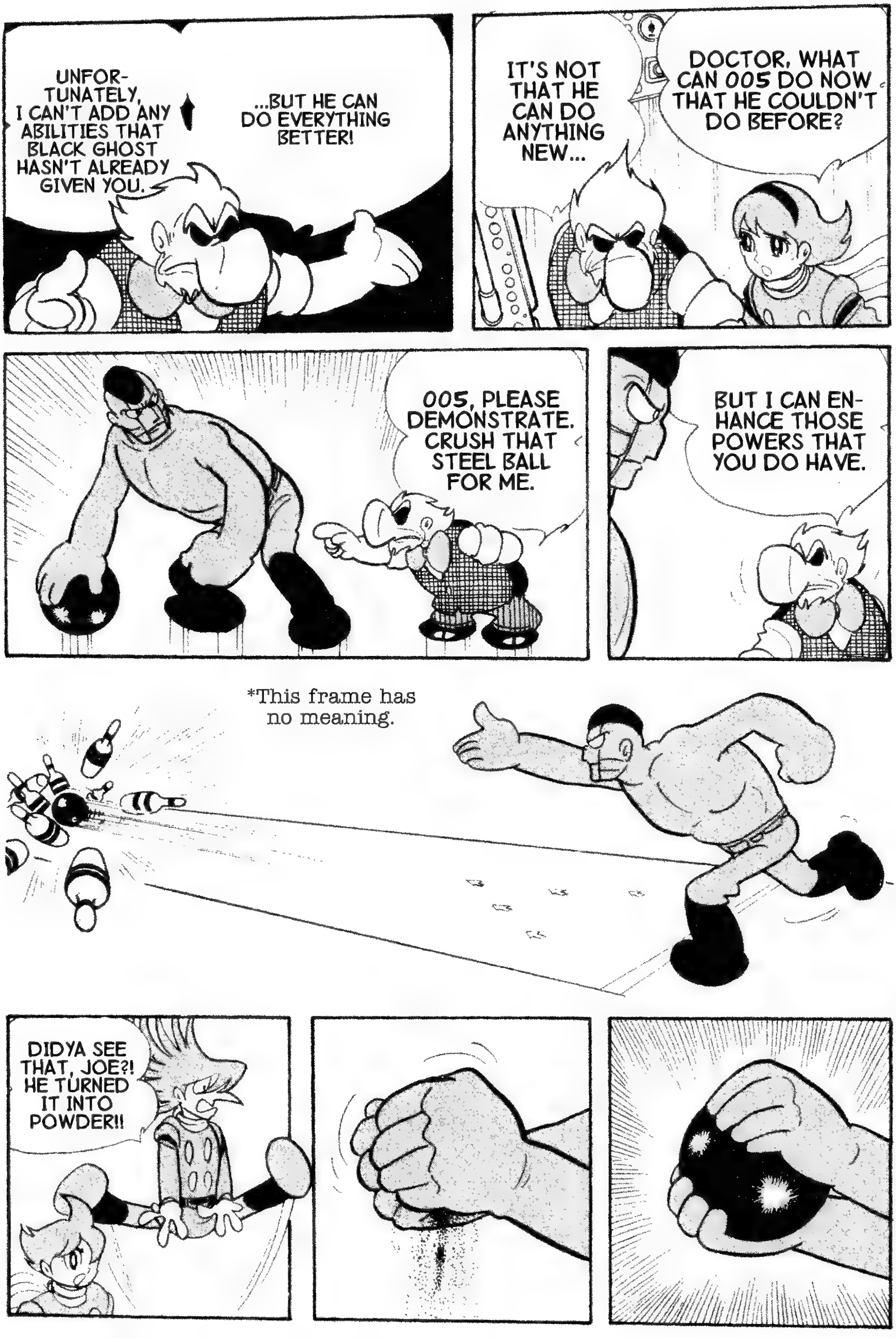

THEY USE TEAMWORK TO THEIR ADVANTAGE AND HAVE PROVEN A FORMIDABLE ADVERSARY.
THEY'RE LED BY A ROGUE SCIENTIST BY THE NAME OF DR. GILMORE.
OBVIOUSLY, BLACK GHOST HAD YET TO PERFECT DISCIPLINE AND LOYALTY IN THEM.
TO BRING DOWN THESE EVIL RENEGADES, YOUR TEAM TOO MUST BE UNITED.
HISTORY HAS SHOWN THAT TEAMWORK AND UNITY OVERCOMES THE RAW STRENGTH OF A CENTRAL POWER.
GENTLEMEN!
I WANT YOU TO THINK ABOUT THAT.


DOO
DOO
DOO


FINALLY, SOME PEACE AND QUIET...
YEAH.
BADDA DA DA DA BOOM
AH, THEY'RE AT IT AGAIN.
SOLDIERS ARE FIGHTING AND DYING...
JUST PUT IT OUT OF YOUR MIND.
SORRY, I FORGOT. THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU.
SOMETIMES, THESE POWERS CAN BE SO CRUEL.
SHUU
AND THE WAR GOES ON.
AND MORE SOLDIERS DIE. HOW POINTLESS.
WHAT CAN YOU DO WHEN THEY'RE SO DETERMINED TO KILL EACH OTHER?
IT'S SO SAD...
WARFARE IS INGRAINED IN THE HUMAN MIND.
AND THAT'S WHAT THE BLACK GHOST EXPLOITS.
SHUU
HEY, 002.


HOW'S YOUR LEG?
GOOD AS NEW.
DOO
DOO
DOO
ACTUALLY, IT'S EVEN BETTER THAN BEFORE.
DR. GILMORE IS A GENIUS.
WHERE IS THE DOCTOR?
SINCE WE'VE BEEN HERE, HE'S BEEN ENTIRELY CONSUMED WITH HIS RESEARCH.
REALLY?
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
AHH! 005!


CRACKLE
CRACKLE
KLIK
KLIK
JNNNT
005!
WHAT'S GOING ON, DR. GILMORE?
HE'S BEING UPGRADED.
CHAK
VEEEN
ALL RIGHT. THAT SHOULD DO IT.
HELP HIM DOWN, BOYS.
005! ARE YOU OKAY?
I'M FINE.


DOCTOR, WHAT CAN 005 DO NOW THAT HE COULDN'T DO BEFORE?
IT'S NOT THAT HE CAN DO ANYTHING NEW...
...BUT HE CAN DO EVERYTHING BETTER!
UNFORTUNATELY, I CAN'T ADD ANY ABILITIES THAT BLACK GHOST HASN'T ALREADY GIVEN YOU.
BUT I CAN ENHANCE THOSE POWERS THAT YOU DO HAVE.
005, PLEASE DEMONSTRATE. CRUSH THAT STEEL BALL FOR ME.
DIDYA SEE THAT, JOE?! HE TURNED IT INTO POWDER!!

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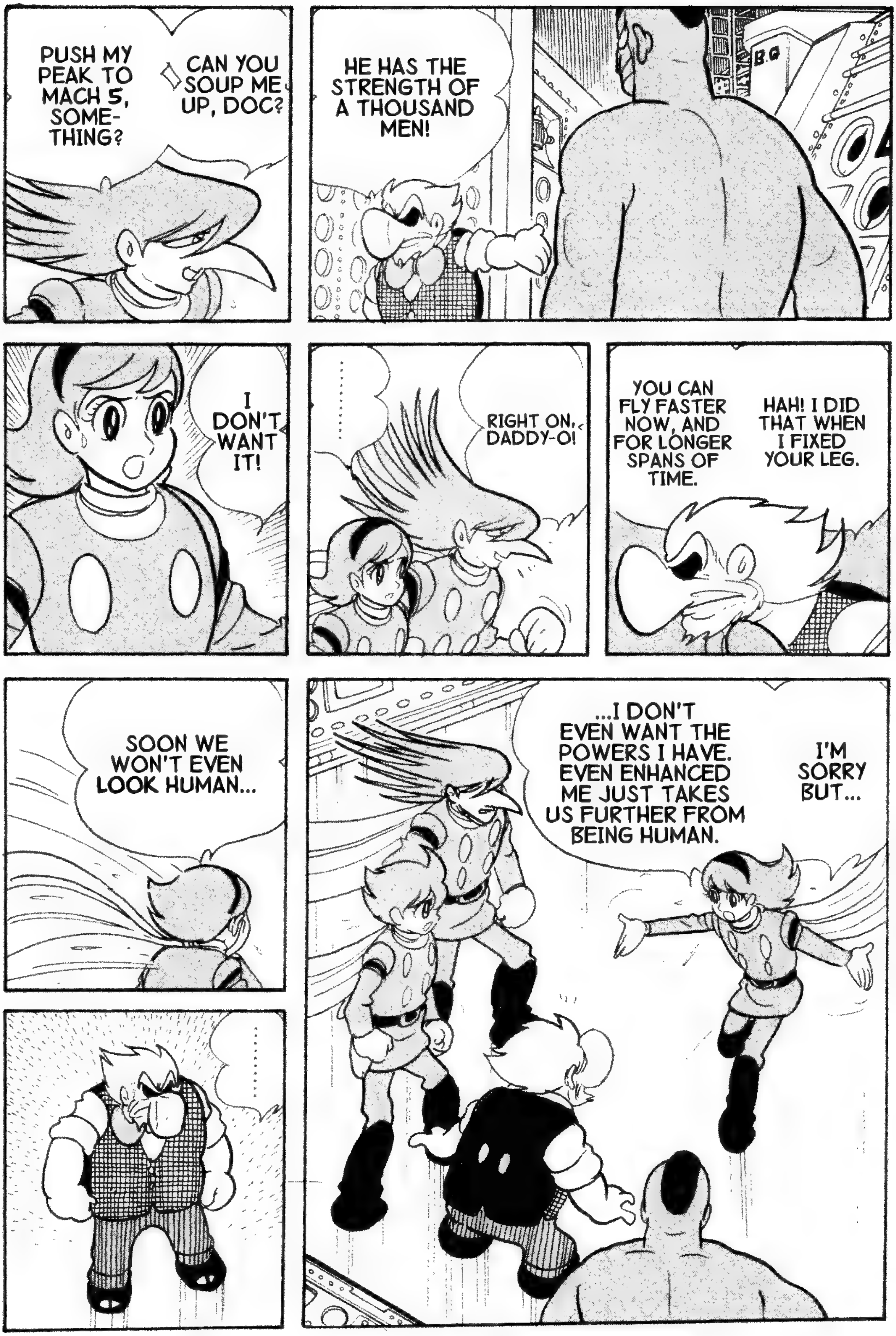
CAN YOU SOUP ME UP, DOC?
PUSH MY PEAK TO MACH 5, SOMETHING?
HE HAS THE STRENGTH OF A THOUSAND MEN!
I DON'T WANT IT!
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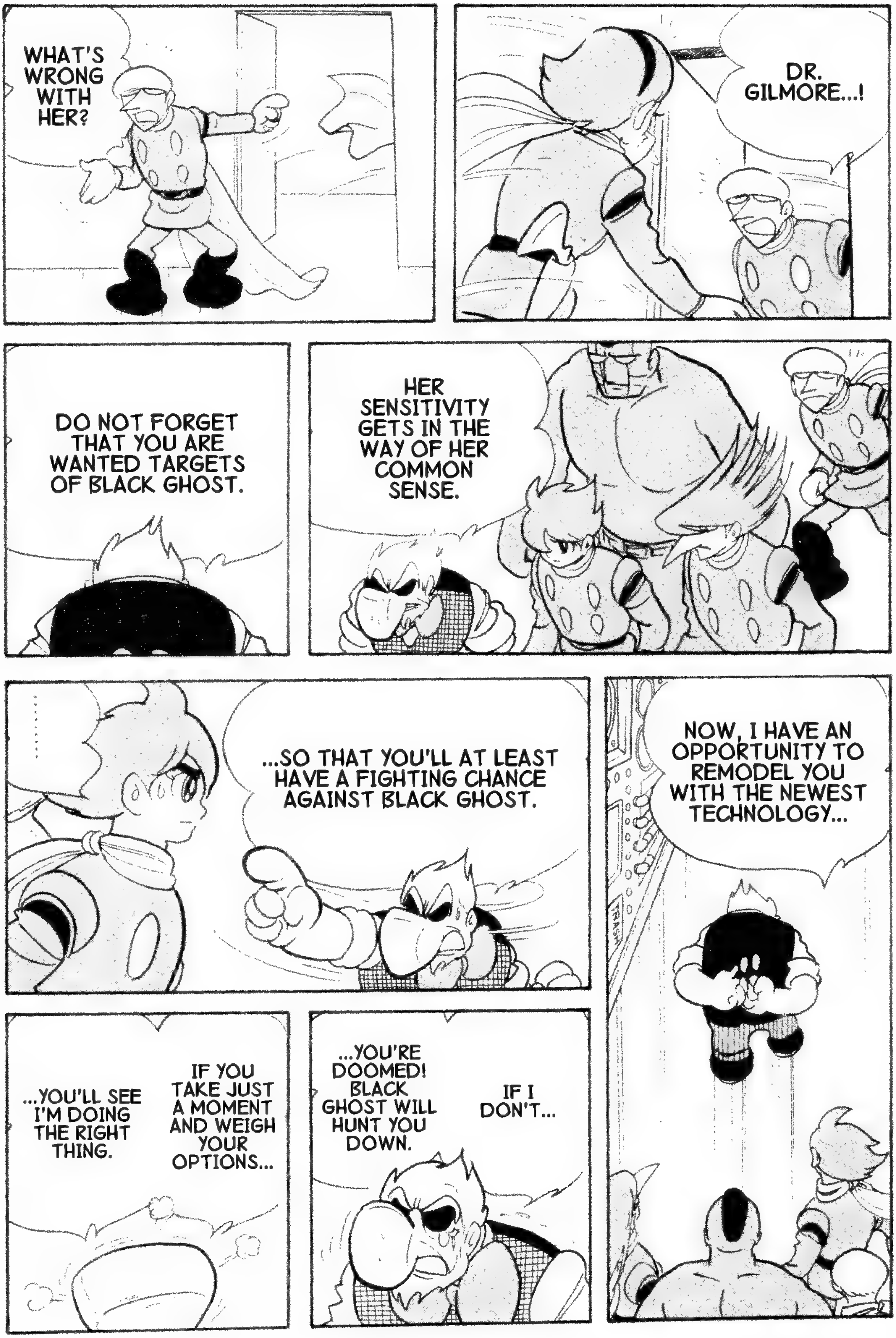
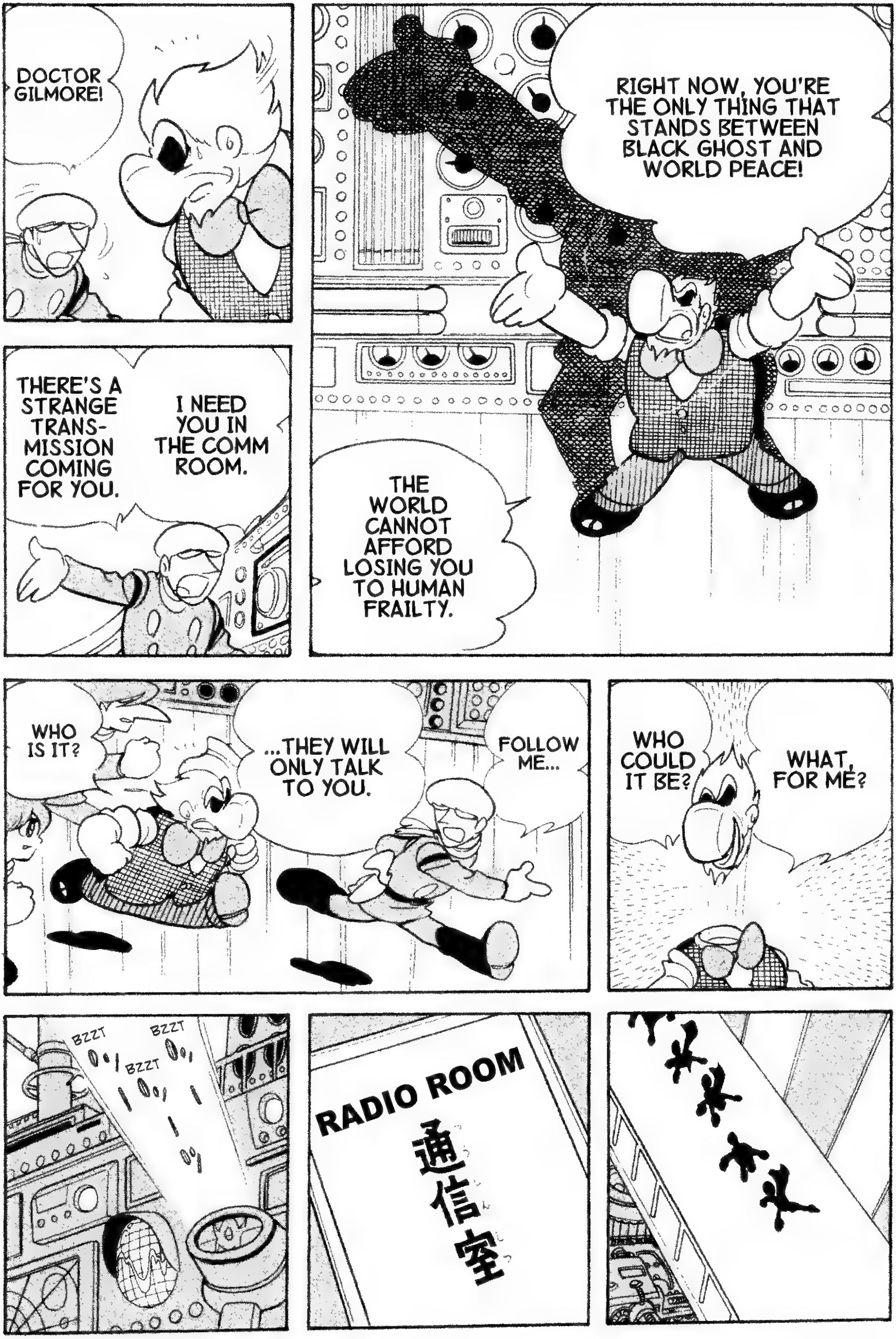
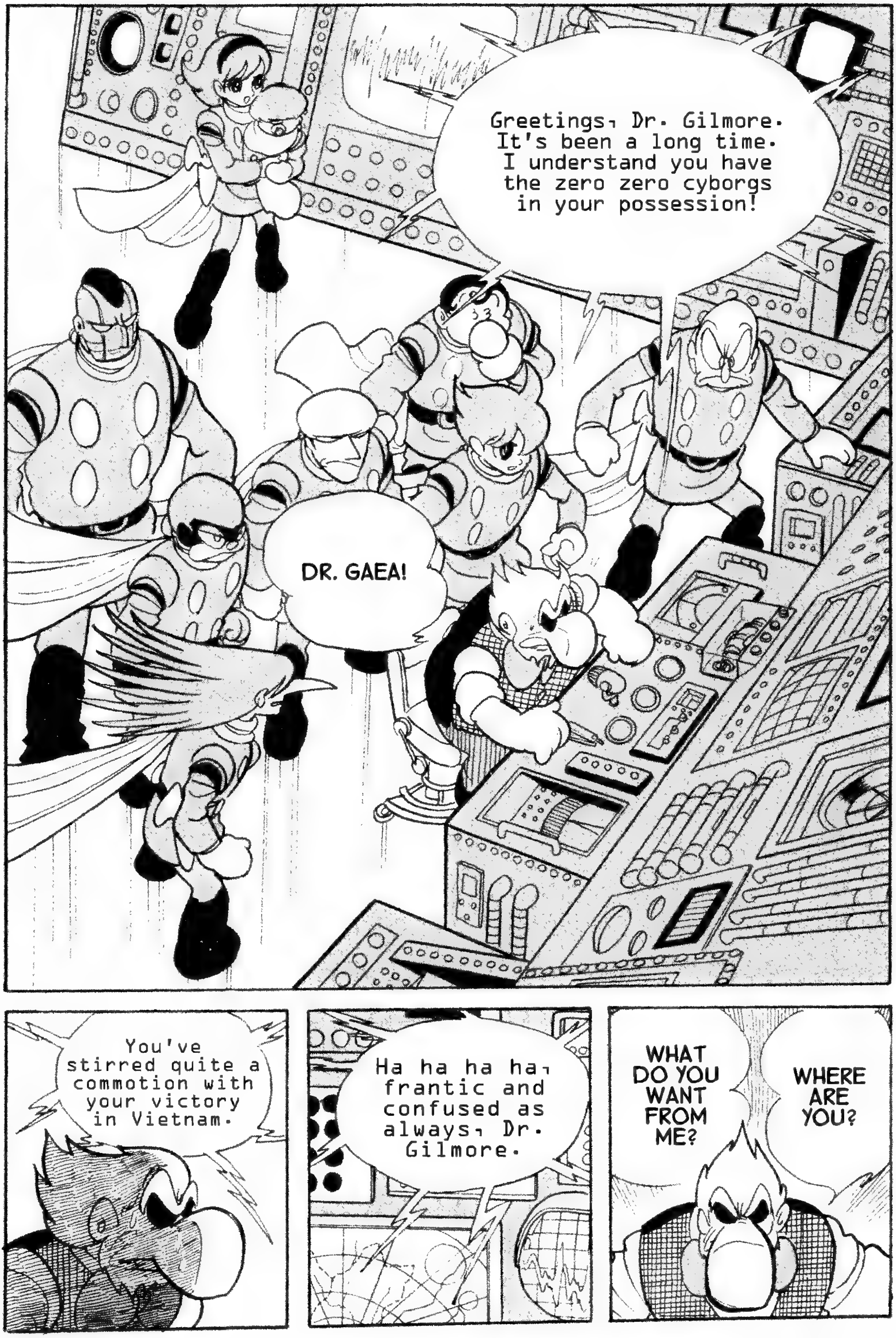
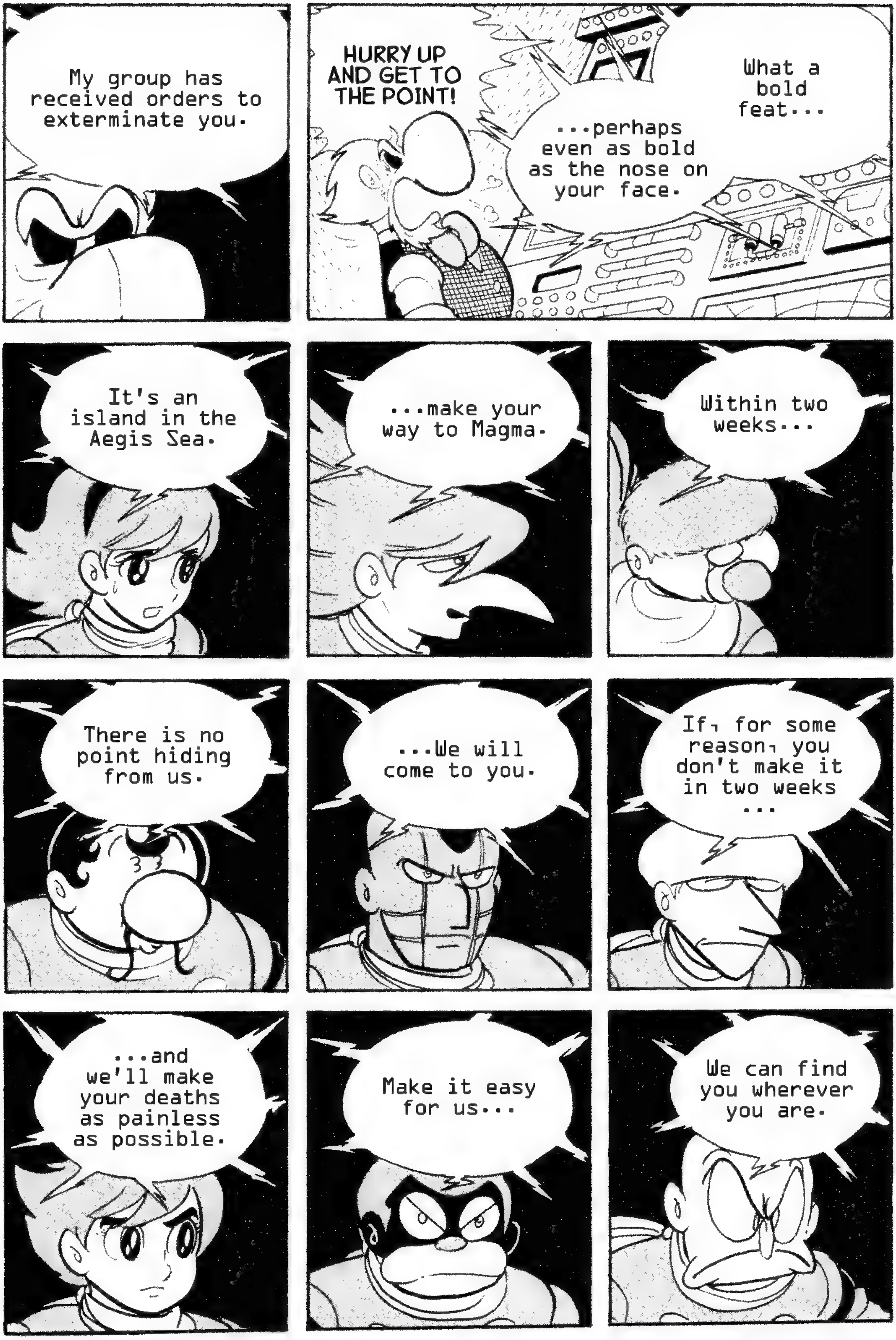
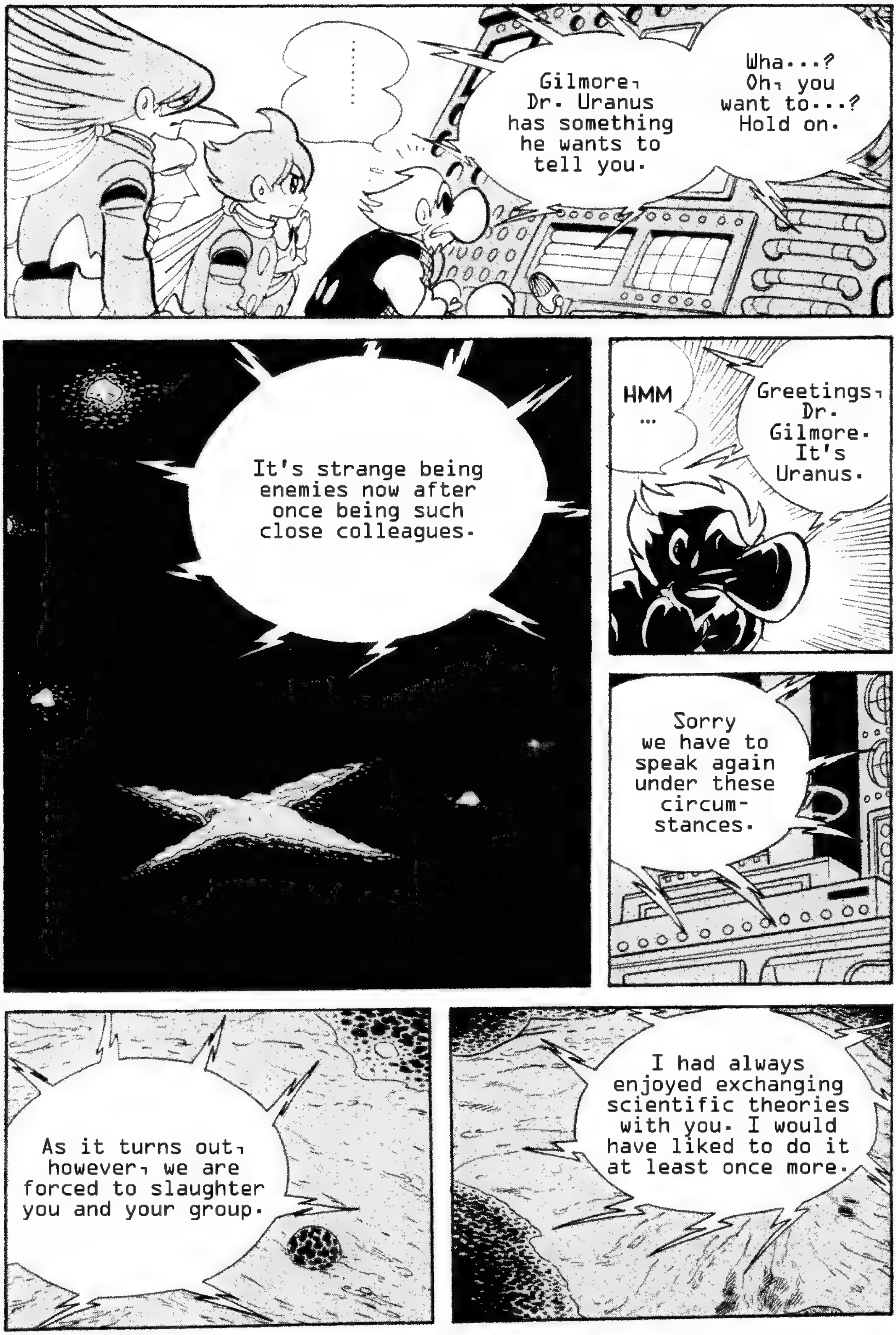
RIGHT ON, DADDY-O!
HAH! I DID THAT WHEN I FIXED YOUR LEG.
YOU CAN FLY FASTER NOW, AND FOR LONGER SPANS OF TIME.
SOON WE WON'T EVEN LOOK HUMAN...
......
I'M SORRY BUT...
...I DON'T EVEN WANT THE POWERS I HAVE. EVEN ENHANCED ME JUST TAKES US FURTHER FROM BEING HUMAN.


DR. GILMORE...!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH HER?
HER SENSITIVITY GETS IN THE WAY OF HER COMMON SENSE.
DO NOT FORGET THAT YOU ARE WANTED TARGETS OF BLACK GHOST.
NOW, I HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO REMODEL YOU WITH THE NEWEST TECHNOLOGY...
...SO THAT YOU'LL AT LEAST HAVE A FIGHTING CHANCE AGAINST BLACK GHOST.
TRASH
IF I DON'T...
...YOU'RE DOOMED! BLACK GHOST WILL HUNT YOU DOWN.
IF YOU TAKE JUST A MOMENT AND WEIGH YOUR OPTIONS...
...YOU'LL SEE I'M DOING THE RIGHT THING.


RIGHT NOW, YOU'RE THE ONLY THING THAT STANDS BETWEEN BLACK GHOST AND WORLD PEACE!
THE WORLD CANNOT AFFORD LOSING YOU TO HUMAN FRAILTY.
DOCTOR GILMORE!
THERE'S A STRANGE TRANSMISSION COMING FOR YOU.
I NEED YOU IN THE COMM ROOM.
WHAT, FOR ME?
WHO COULD IT BE?
WHO IS IT?
...THEY WILL ONLY TALK TO YOU.
FOLLOW ME...
BZZT
BZZT
BZZT
RADIO ROOM
通信室


Greetings, Dr. Gilmore. It's been a long time. I understand you have the zero zero cyborgs in your possession!
DR. GAEA!
You've stirred quite a commotion with your victory in Vietnam.
Ha ha ha ha, frantic and confused as always, Dr. Gilmore.
WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM ME?
WHERE ARE YOU?


My group has received orders to exterminate you.
What a bold feat...
...perhaps even as bold as the nose on your face.
HURRY UP AND GET TO THE POINT!
It's an island in the Aegis Sea.
...make your way to Magma.
Within two weeks...
There is no point hiding from us.
...We will come to you.
If, for some reason, you don't make it in two weeks ...
...and we'll make your deaths as painless as possible.
Make it easy for us...
We can find you wherever you are.


Wha...? Oh, you want to...? Hold on.
Gilmore, Dr. Uranus has something he wants to tell you.
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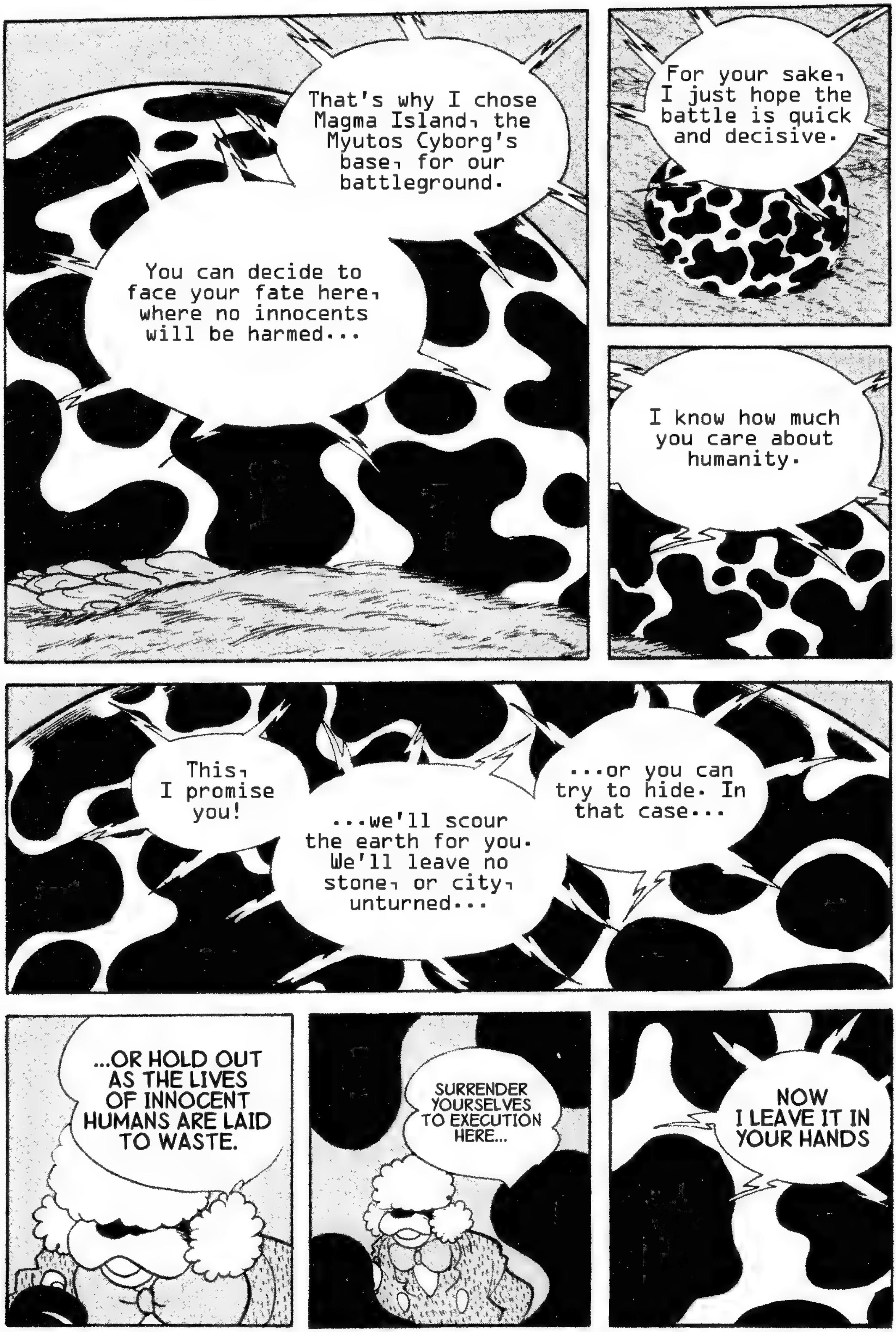
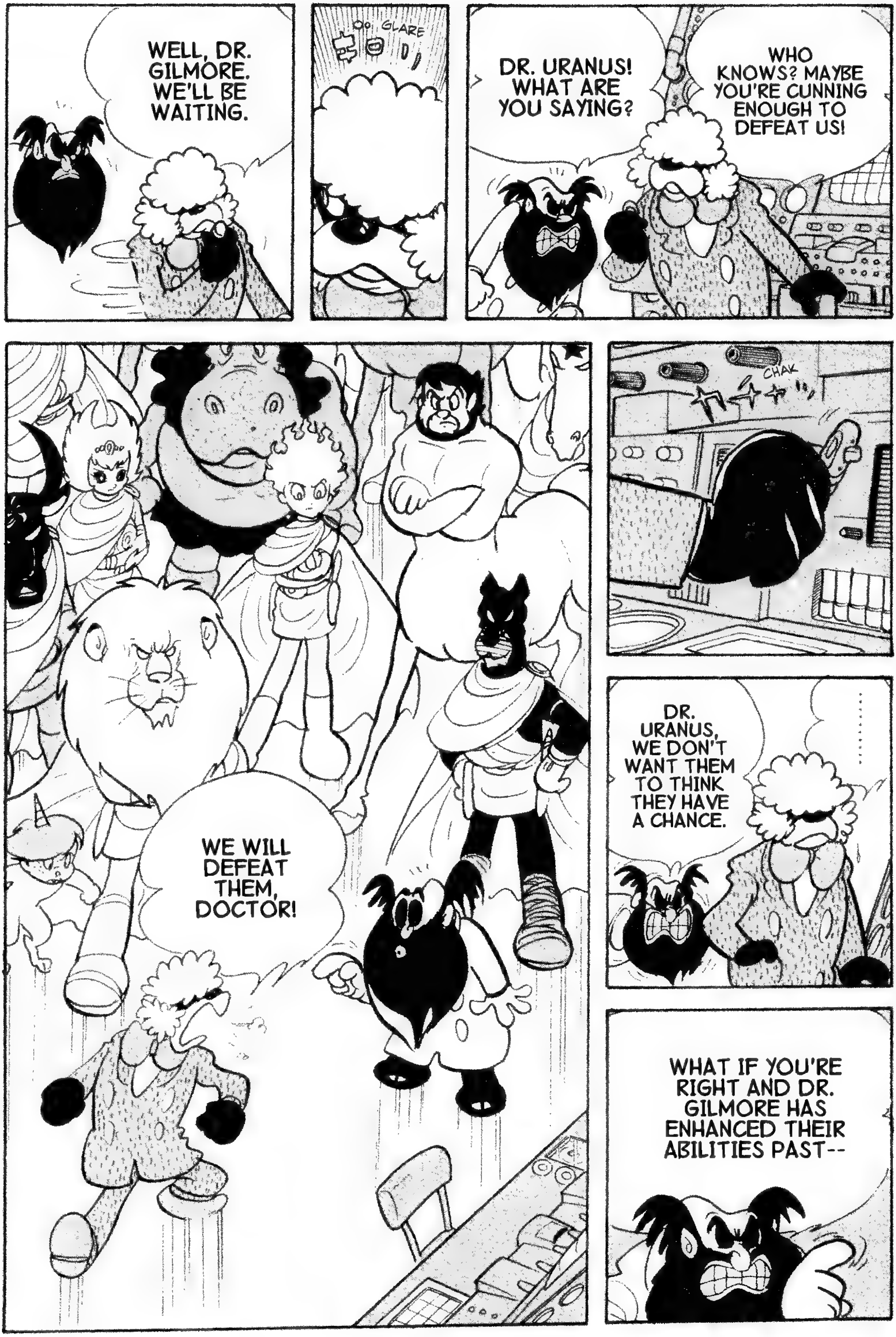
Greetings, Dr. Gilmore. It's Uranus.
HMM ...
Sorry we have to speak again under these circumstances.
It's strange being enemies now after once being such close colleagues.
I had always enjoyed exchanging scientific theories with you. I would have liked to do it at least once more.
As it turns out, however, we are forced to slaughter you and your group.


For your sake, I just hope the battle is quick and decisive.
I know how much you care about humanity.
That's why I chose Magma Island, the Myutos Cyborg's base, for our battleground.
You can decide to face your fate here, where no innocents will be harmed...
...or you can try to hide. In that case...
...we'll scour the earth for you. We'll leave no stone, or city, unturned...
This, I promise you!
NOW I LEAVE IT IN YOUR HANDS
SURRENDER YOURSELVES TO EXECUTION HERE...
...OR HOLD OUT AS THE LIVES OF INNOCENT HUMANS ARE LAID TO WASTE.


WELL, DR. GILMORE. WE'LL BE WAITING.
GLARE
DR. URANUS! WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
WHO KNOWS? MAYBE YOU'RE CUNNING ENOUGH TO DEFEAT US!
WE WILL DEFEAT THEM, DOCTOR!
CHAK
DR. URANUS, WE DON'T WANT THEM TO THINK THEY HAVE A CHANCE.
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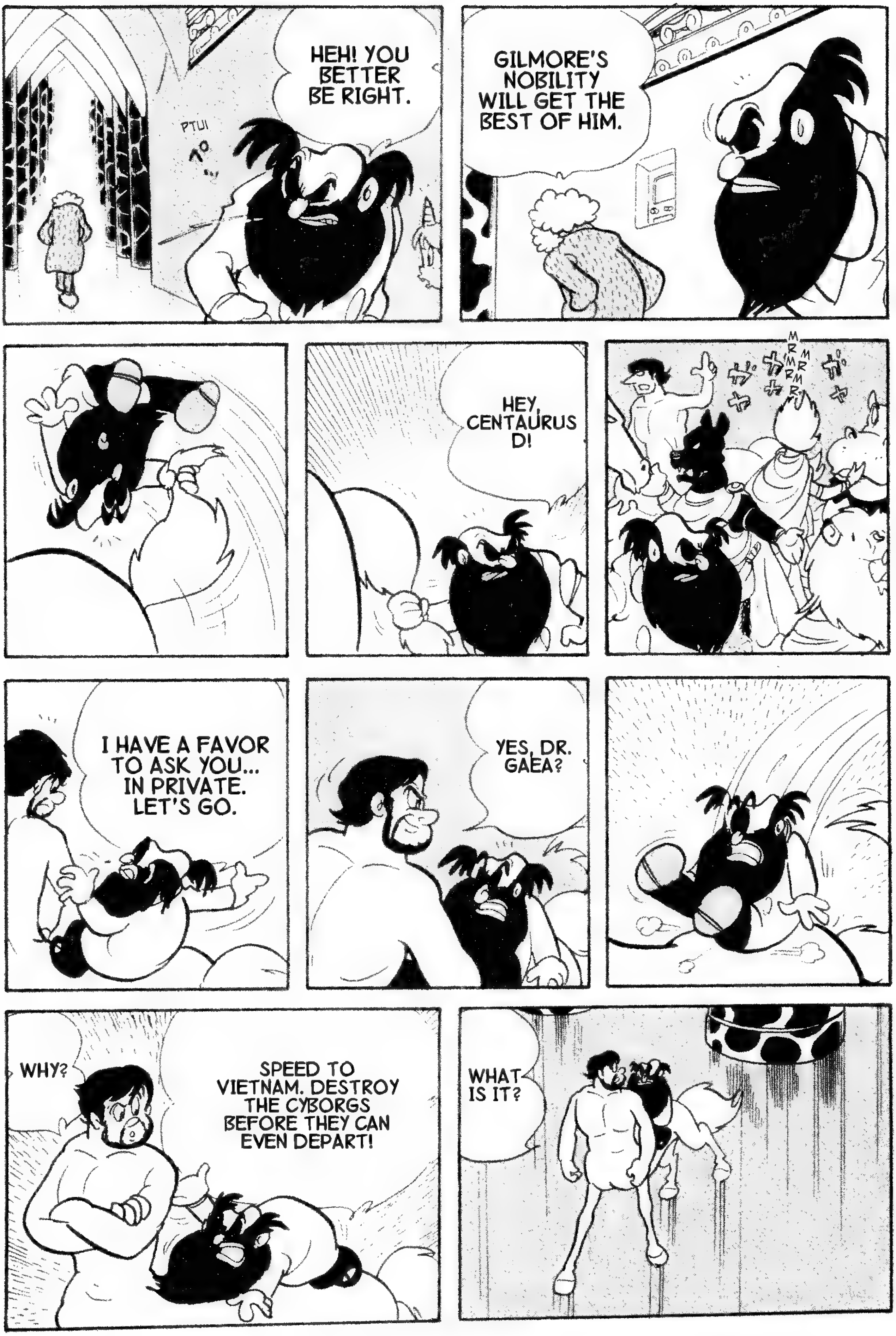
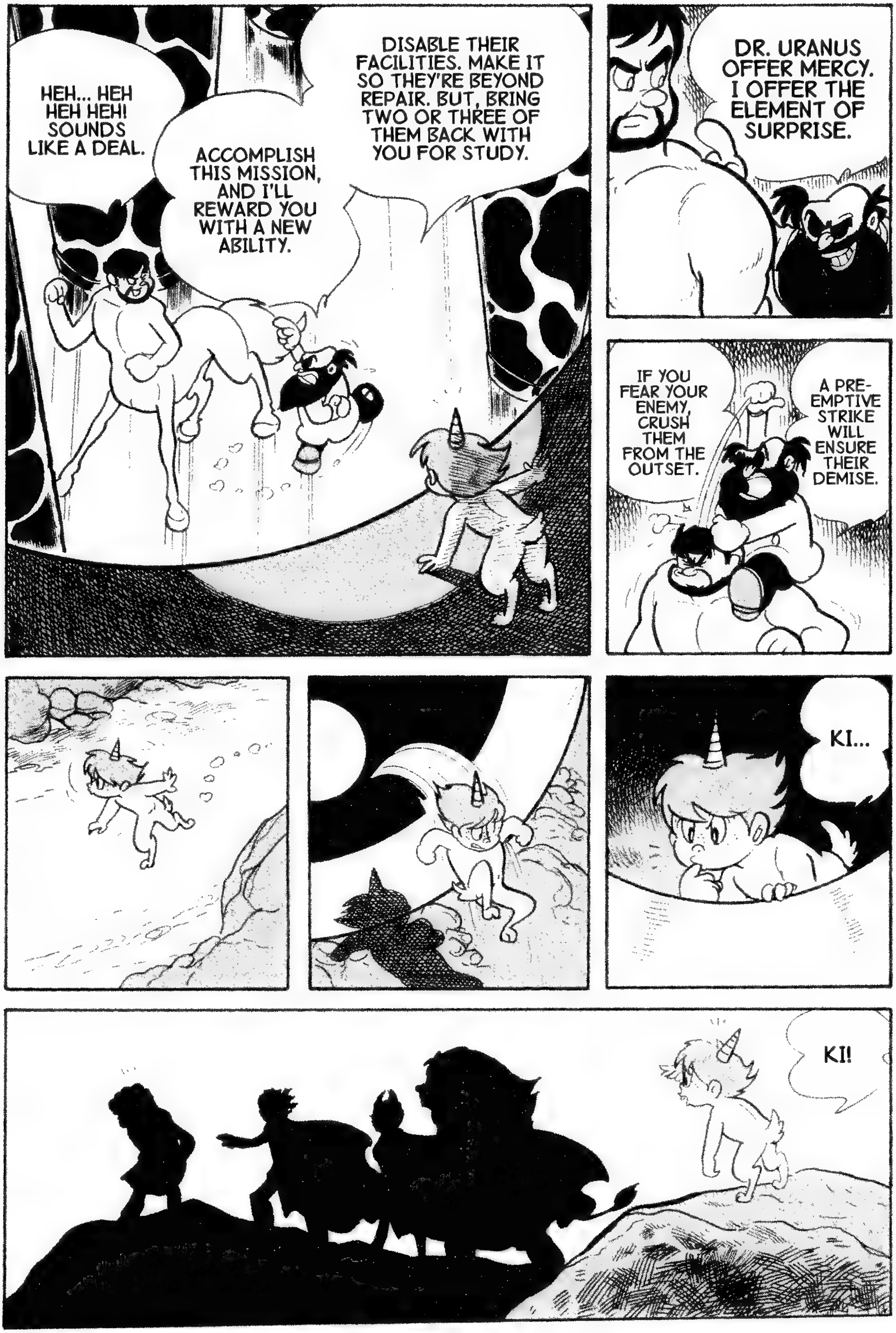
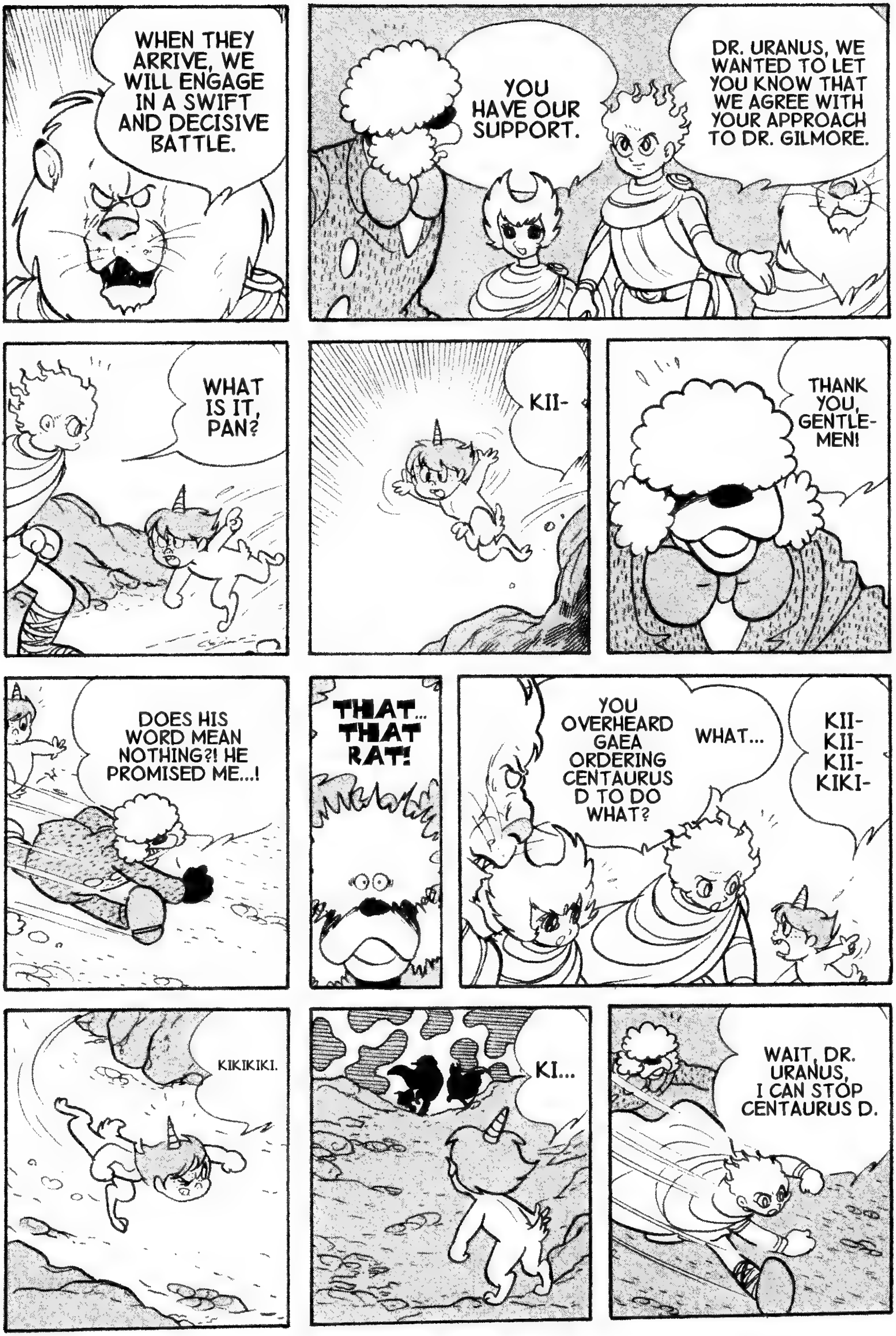
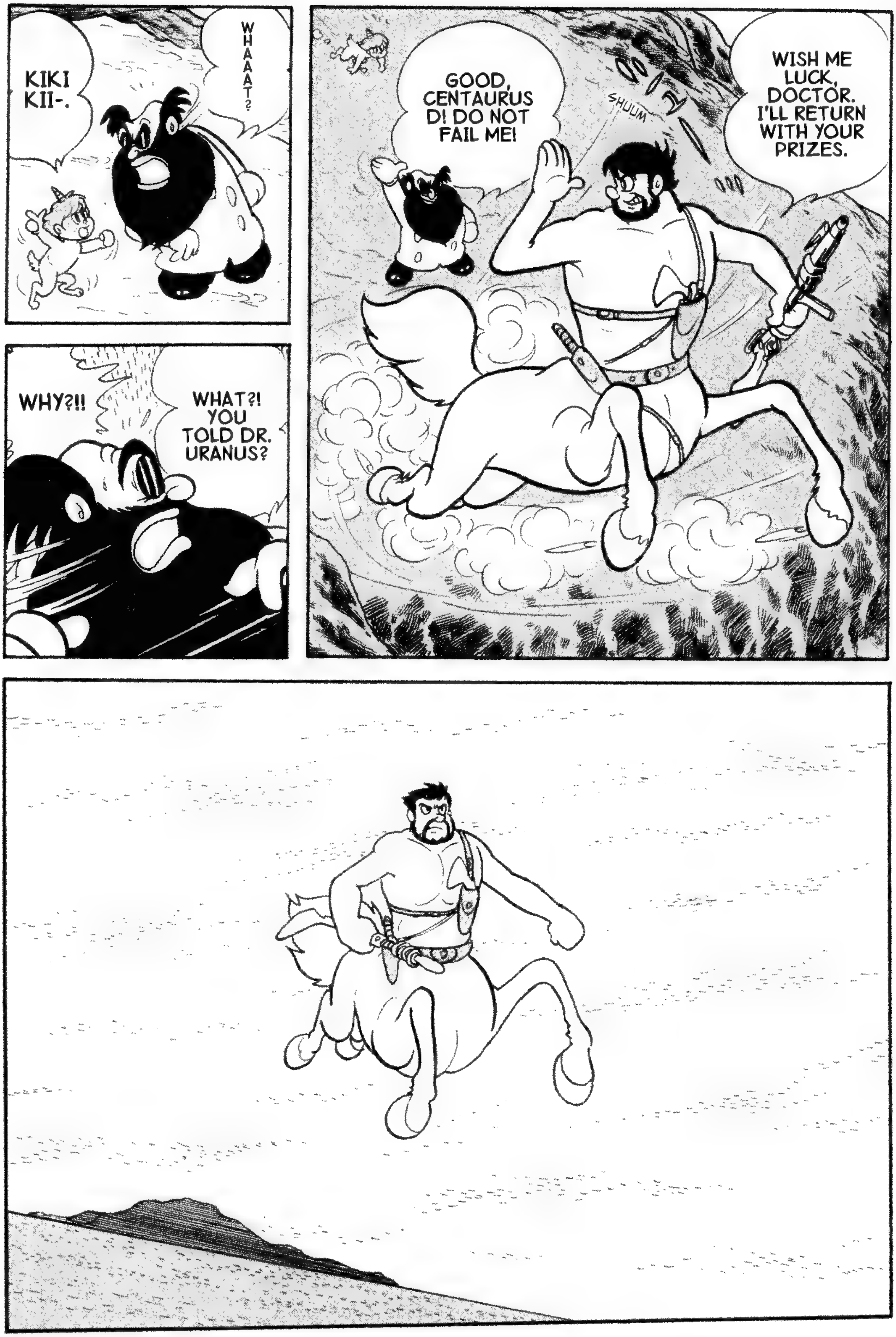
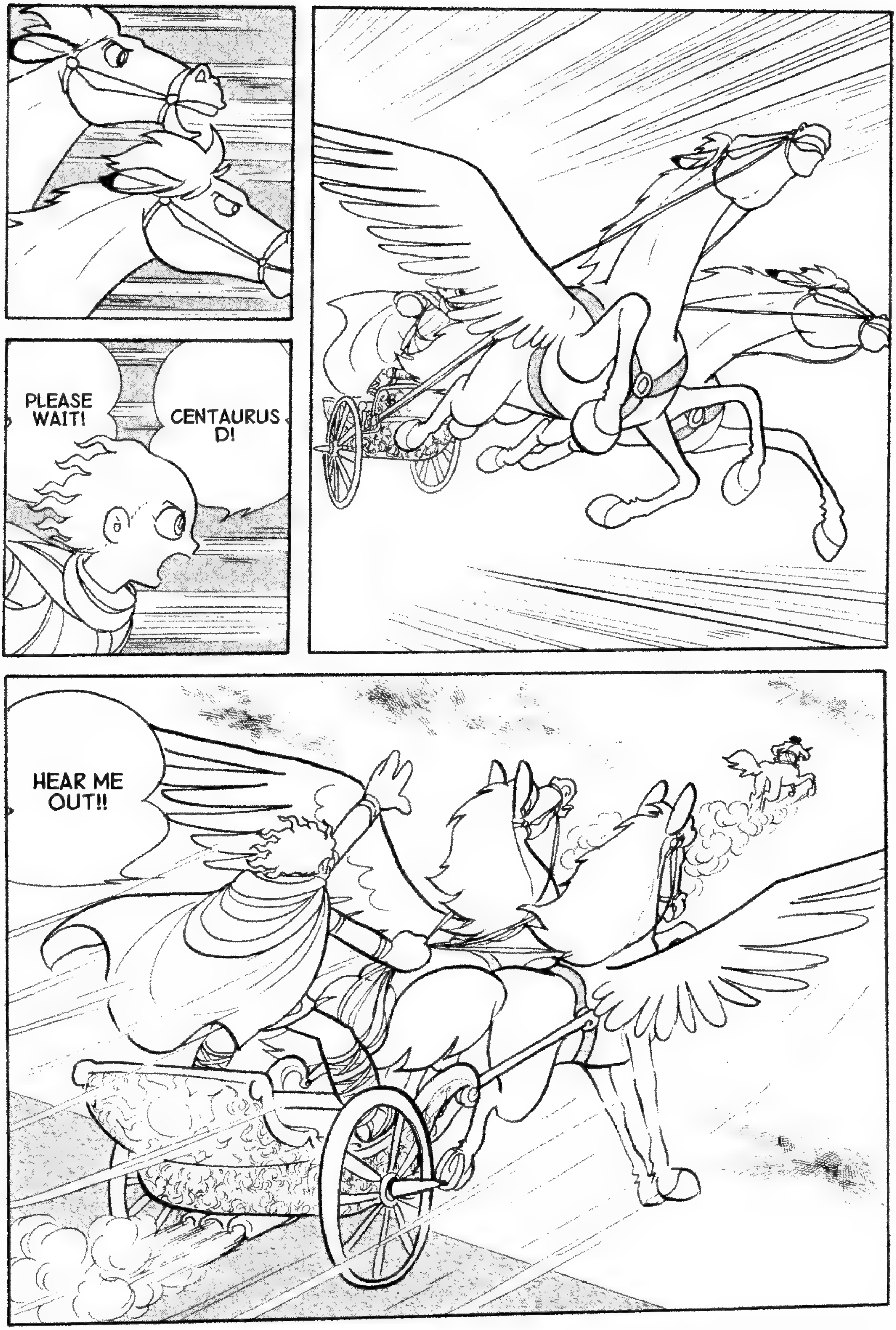
WHAT IF YOU'RE RIGHT AND DR. GILMORE HAS ENHANCED THEIR ABILITIES PAST--

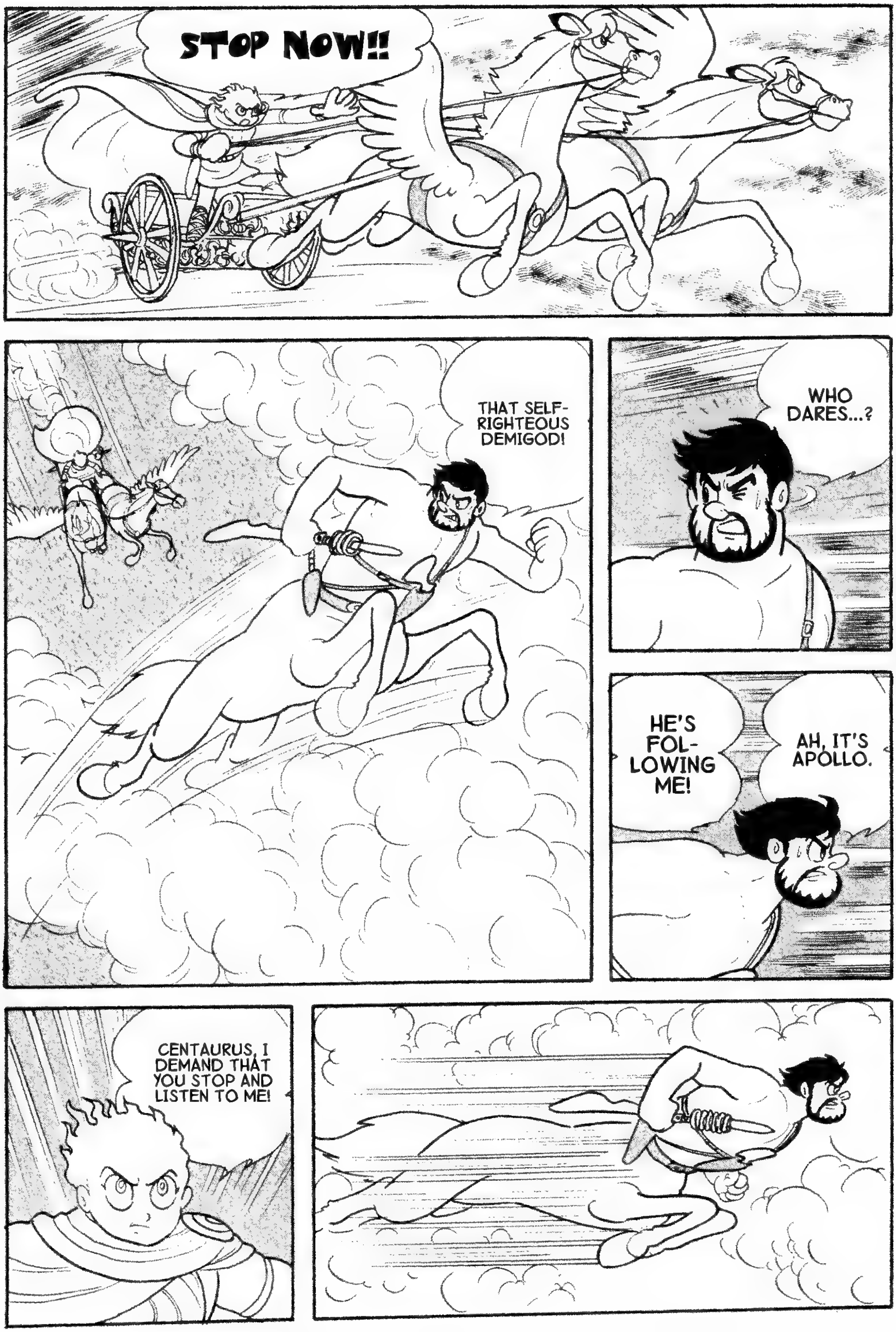

HEH! YOU BETTER BE RIGHT.
PTUI
GILMORE'S NOBILITY WILL GET THE BEST OF HIM.
HEY, CENTAURUS D!
MRMRMRMR
I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK YOU... IN PRIVATE. LET'S GO.
YES, DR. GAEA?
WHY?
SPEED TO VIETNAM. DESTROY THE CYBORGS BEFORE THEY CAN EVEN DEPART!
WHAT IS IT?

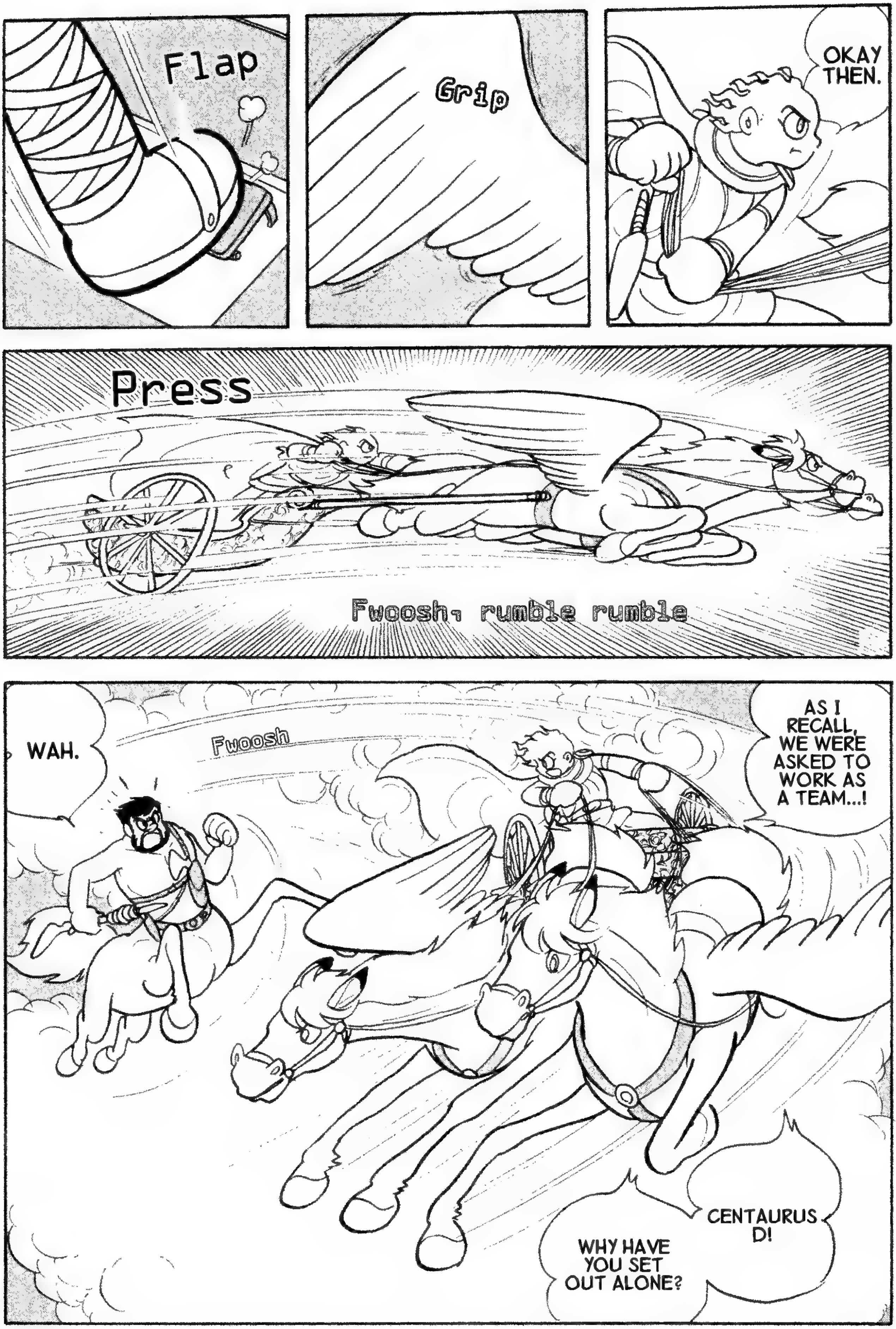

DR. URANUS OFFER MERCY. I OFFER THE ELEMENT OF SURPRISE.
A PRE-EMPTIVE STRIKE WILL ENSURE THEIR DEMISE.
IF YOU FEAR YOUR ENEMY, CRUSH THEM FROM THE OUTSET.
DISABLE THEIR FACILITIES. MAKE IT SO THEY'RE BEYOND REPAIR. BUT, BRING TWO OR THREE OF THEM BACK WITH YOU FOR STUDY.
ACCOMPLISH THIS MISSION, AND I'LL REWARD YOU WITH A NEW ABILITY.
HEH... HEH HEH HEH! SOUNDS LIKE A DEAL.
KI...
KI!

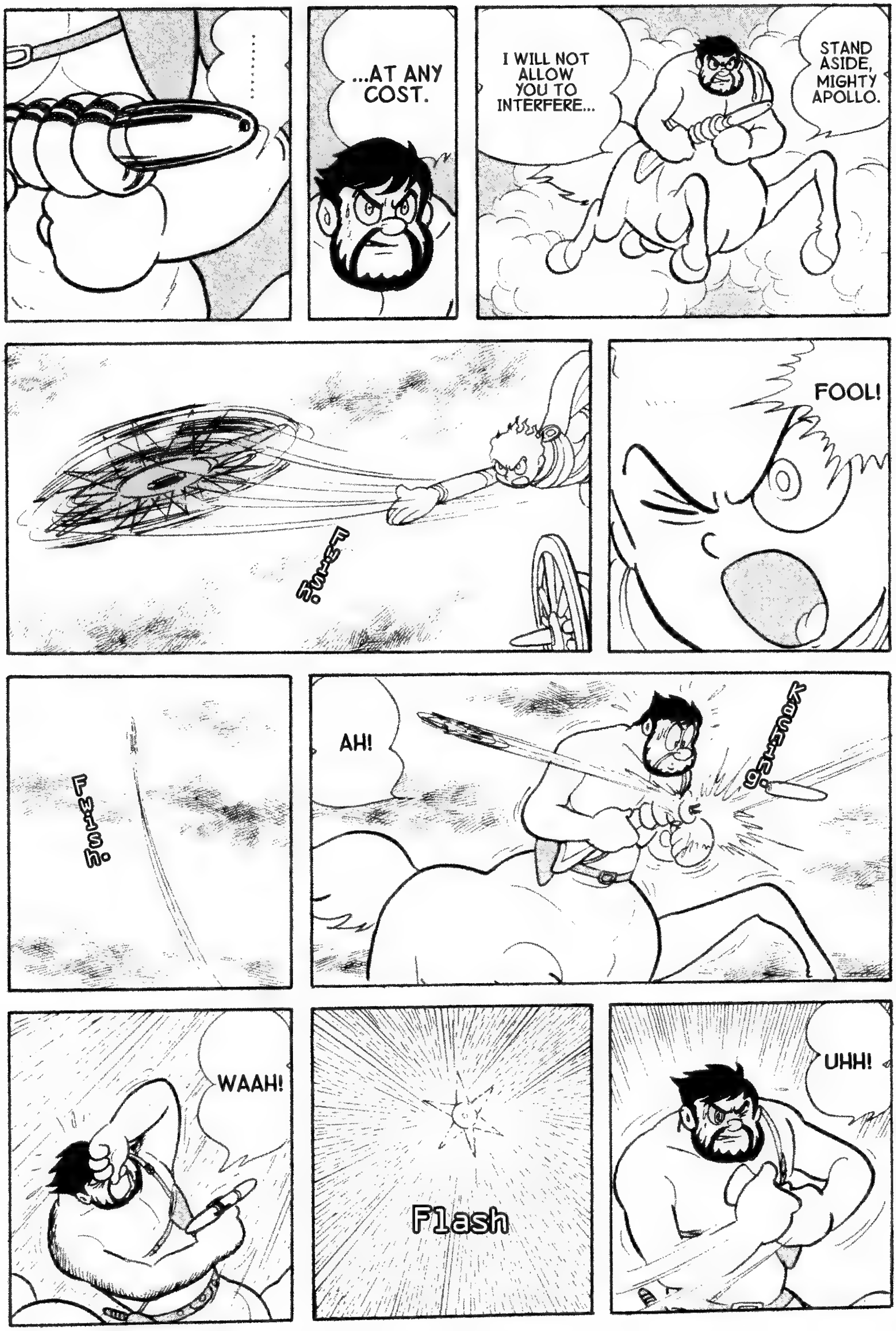

WHEN THEY ARRIVE, WE WILL ENGAGE IN A SWIFT AND DECISIVE BATTLE.
DR. URANUS, WE WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW THAT WE AGREE WITH YOUR APPROACH TO DR. GILMORE.
YOU HAVE OUR SUPPORT.
WHAT IS IT, PAN?
KII-
THANK YOU, GENTLEMEN!
DOES HIS WORD MEAN NOTHING?! HE PROMISED ME...!
THAT... THAT RAT!
KII-KII-KII-KIKI-
WHAT...
YOU OVERHEARD GAEA ORDERING CENTAURUS D TO DO WHAT?
KIKIKIKI.
KI...
WAIT, DR. URANUS, I CAN STOP CENTAURUS D.

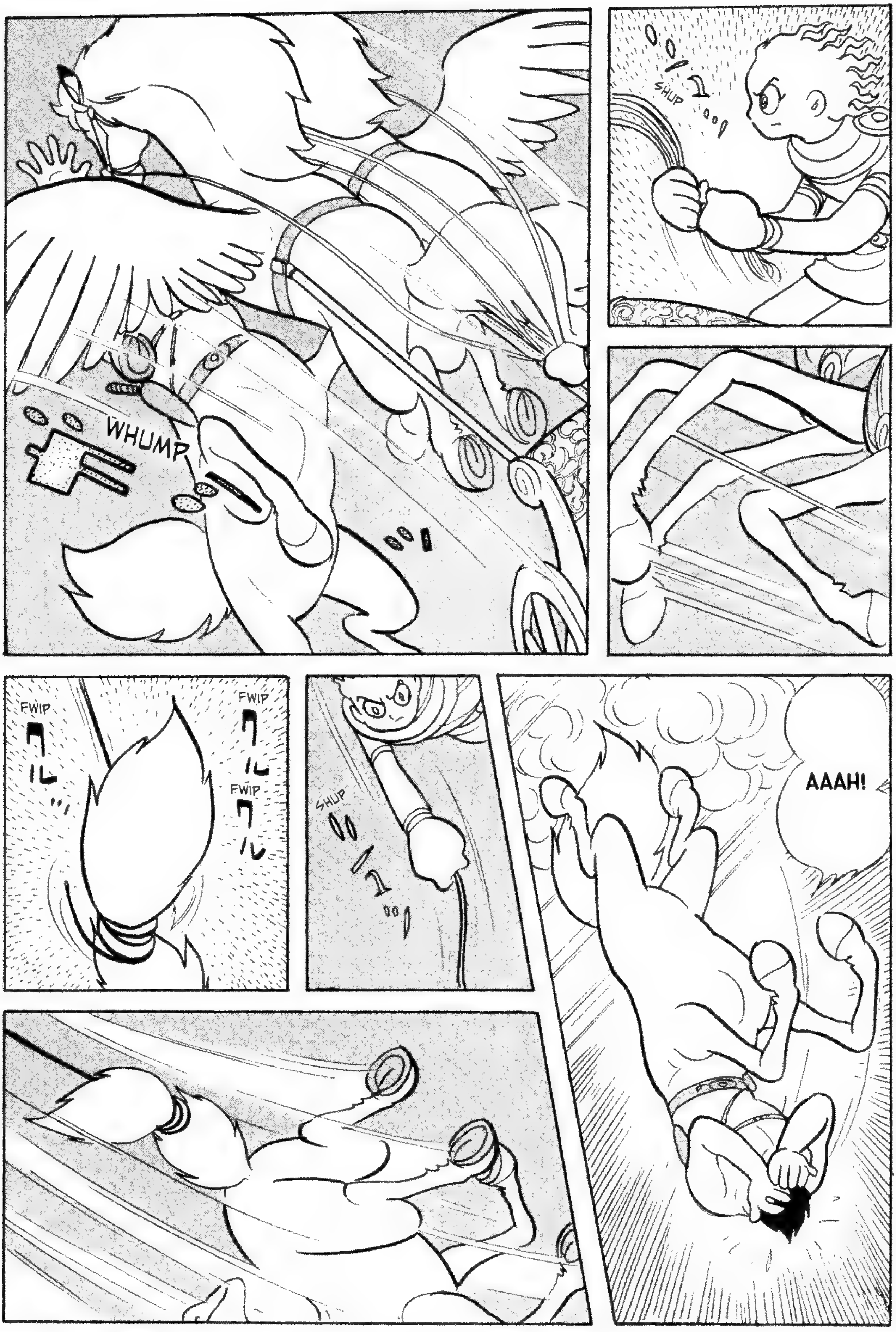

KIKI KII-.
WHAAAT?
WHY?!!
WHAT?! YOU TOLD DR. URANUS?
GOOD, CENTAURUS D! DO NOT FAIL ME!
SHUUM
WISH ME LUCK, DOCTOR. I'LL RETURN WITH YOUR PRIZES.

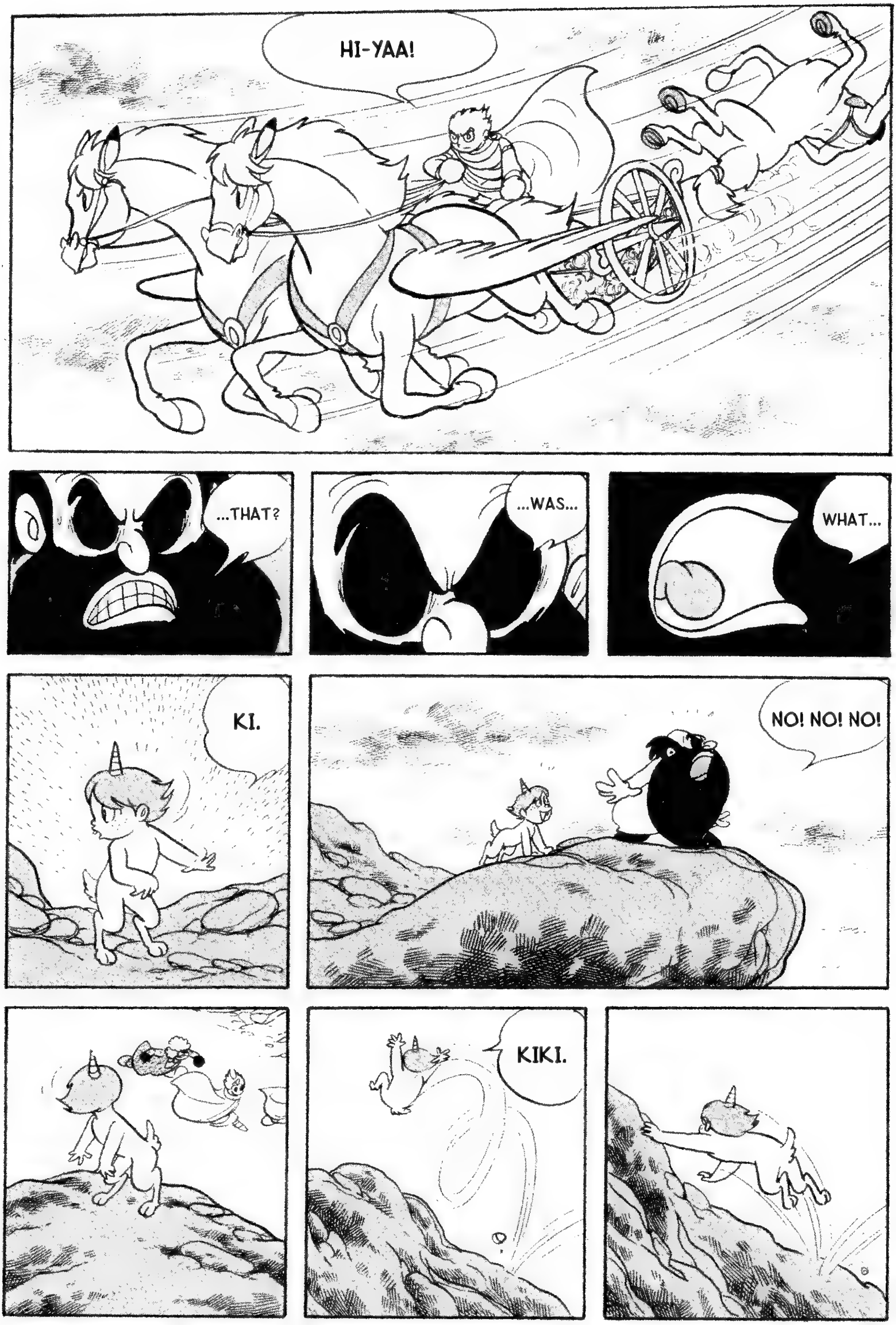

PLEASE WAIT!
CENTAURUS D!
HEAR ME OUT!!

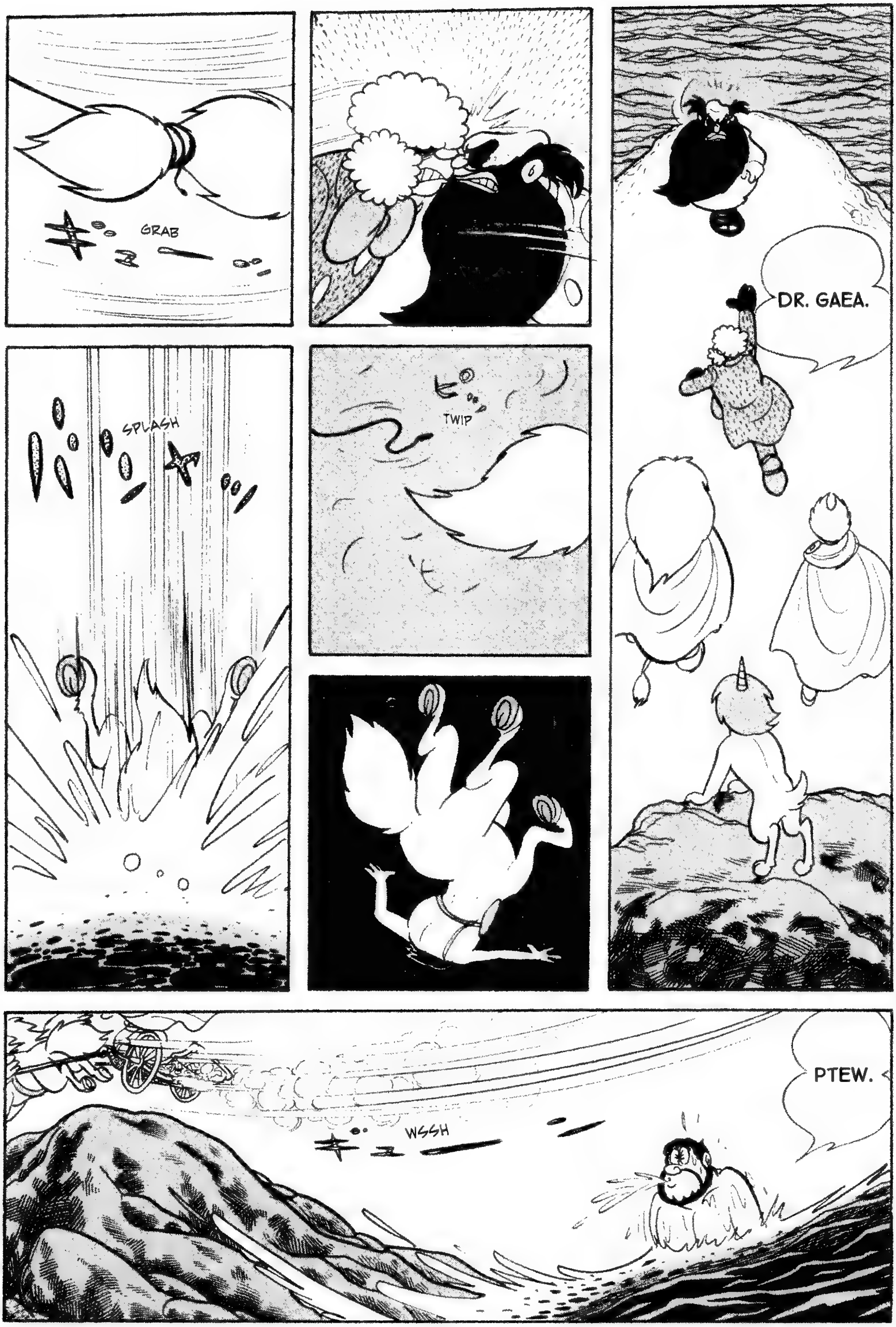

STOP NOW!!
THAT SELF-RIGHTEOUS DEMIGOD!
WHO DARES...?
AH, IT'S APOLLO.
HE'S FOLLOWING ME!
CENTAURUS, I DEMAND THAT YOU STOP AND LISTEN TO ME!


Flap
Grip
OKAY THEN.
Press
Fwoosh, rumble rumble
WAH.
Fwoosh
AS I RECALL, WE WERE ASKED TO WORK AS A TEAM...!
CENTAURUS D!
WHY HAVE YOU SET OUT ALONE?


STAND ASIDE, MIGHTY APOLLO.
I WILL NOT ALLOW YOU TO INTERFERE...
...AT ANY COST.
....
FOOL!
Fwish.
AH!
Kashing.
Fwish.
UHH!
Flash
WAAH!


SHUP
WHUMP
AAAH!
SHUP
FWIP
FWIP
FWIP


HI-YAA!
WHAT...
...WAS...
...THAT?
NO! NO! NO!
KI.
KIKI.


GRAB
DR. GAEA.
SPLASH
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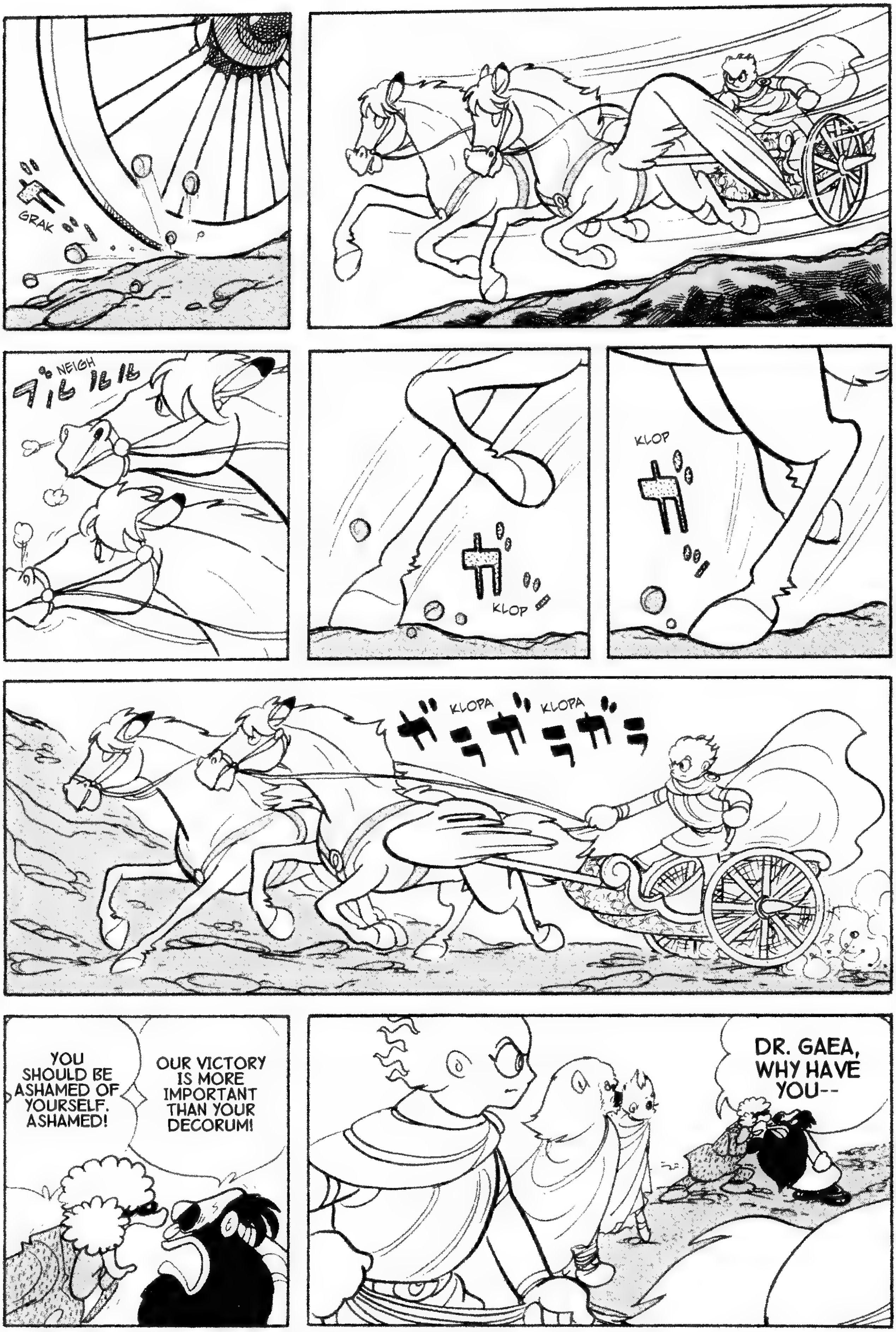
PTEW.


GRAK
NEIGH
ブルルル
ガッ
KLOP
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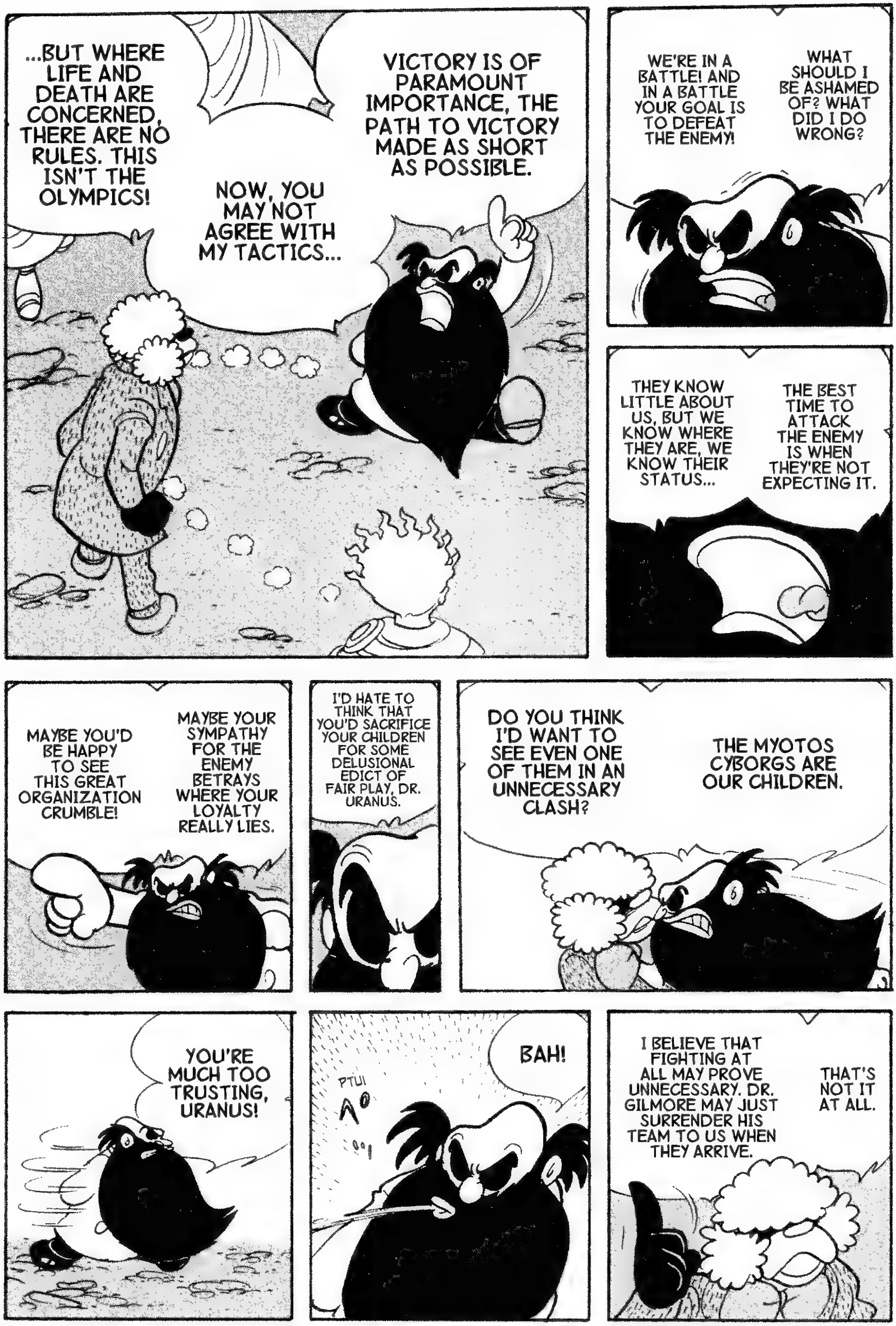
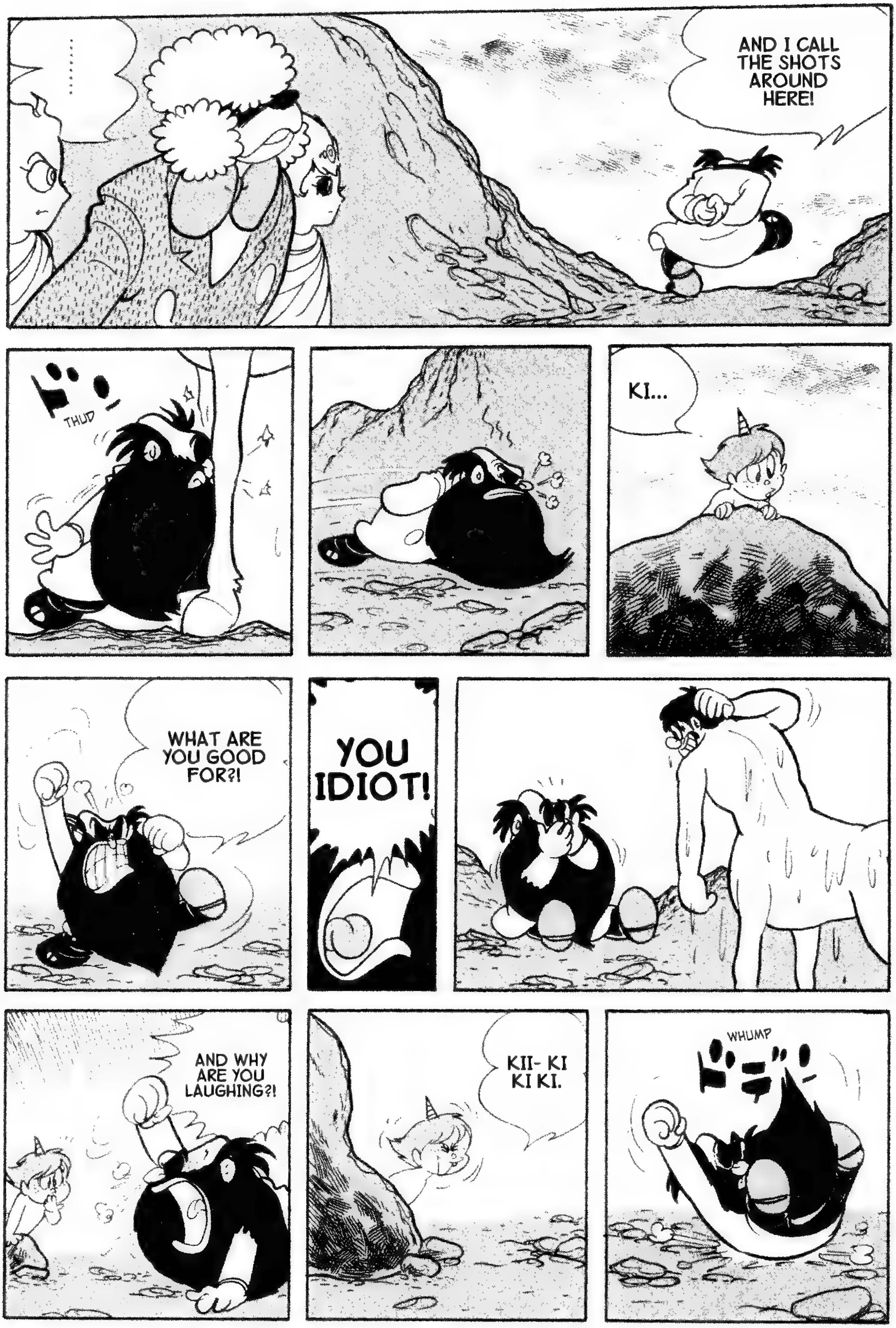
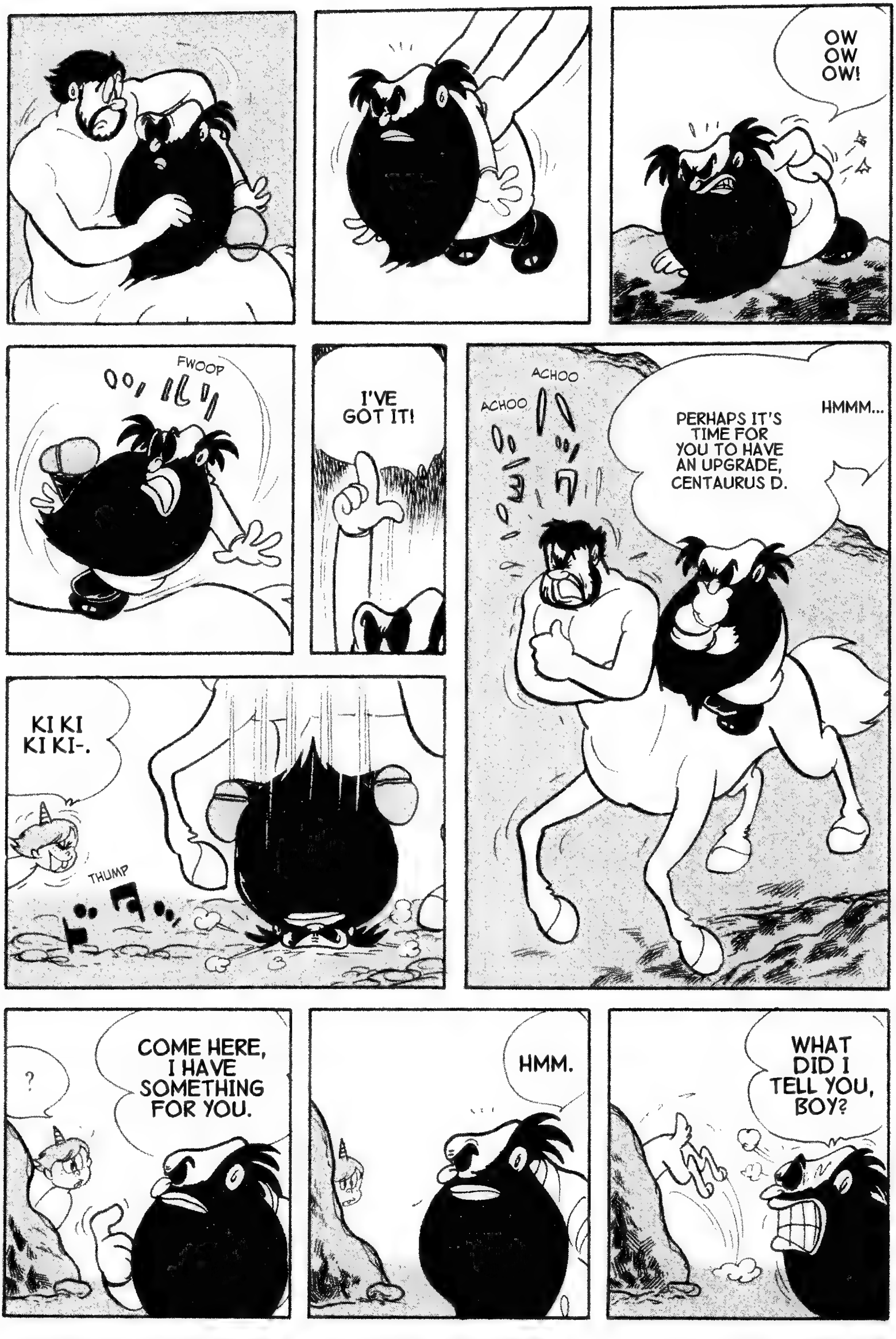
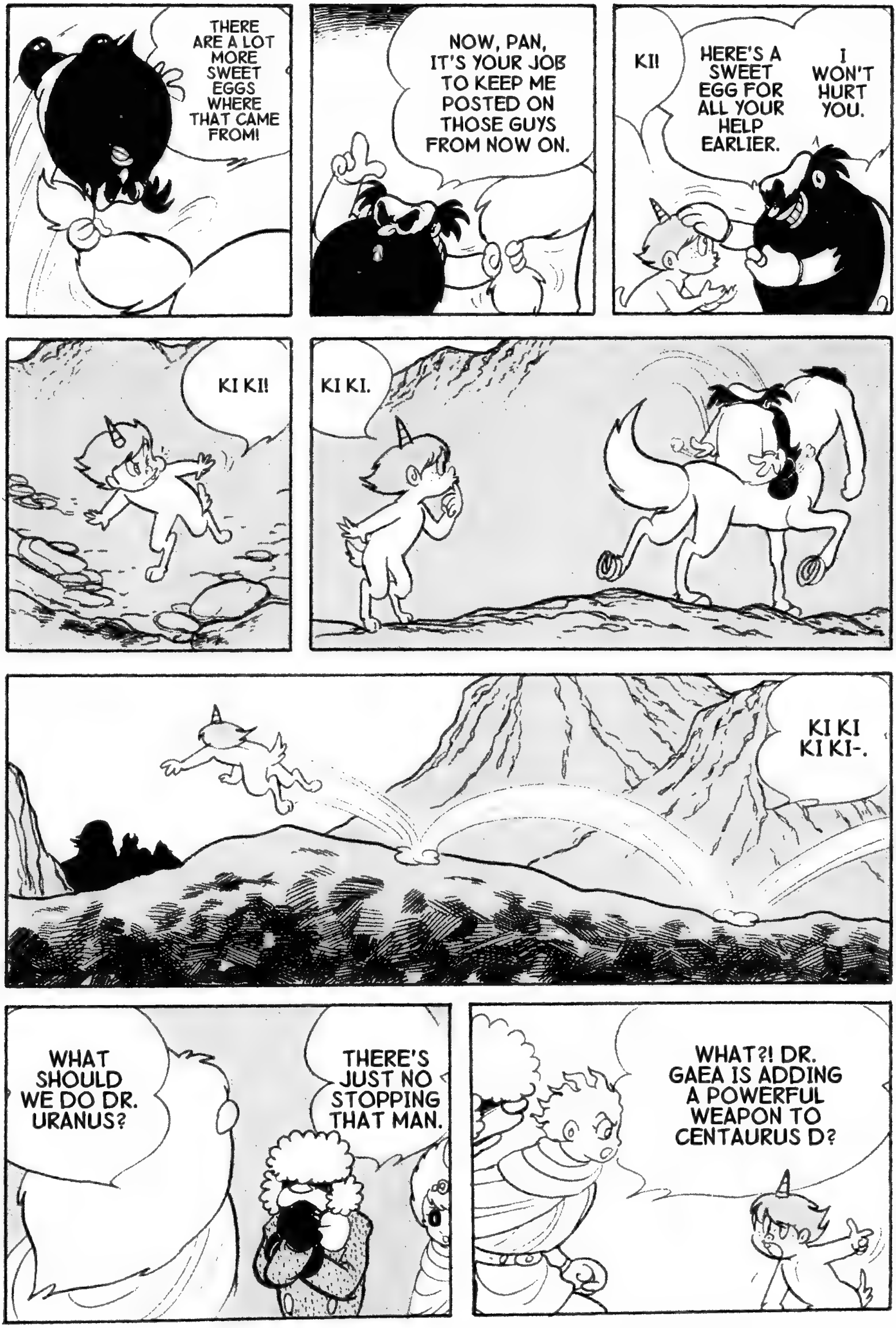
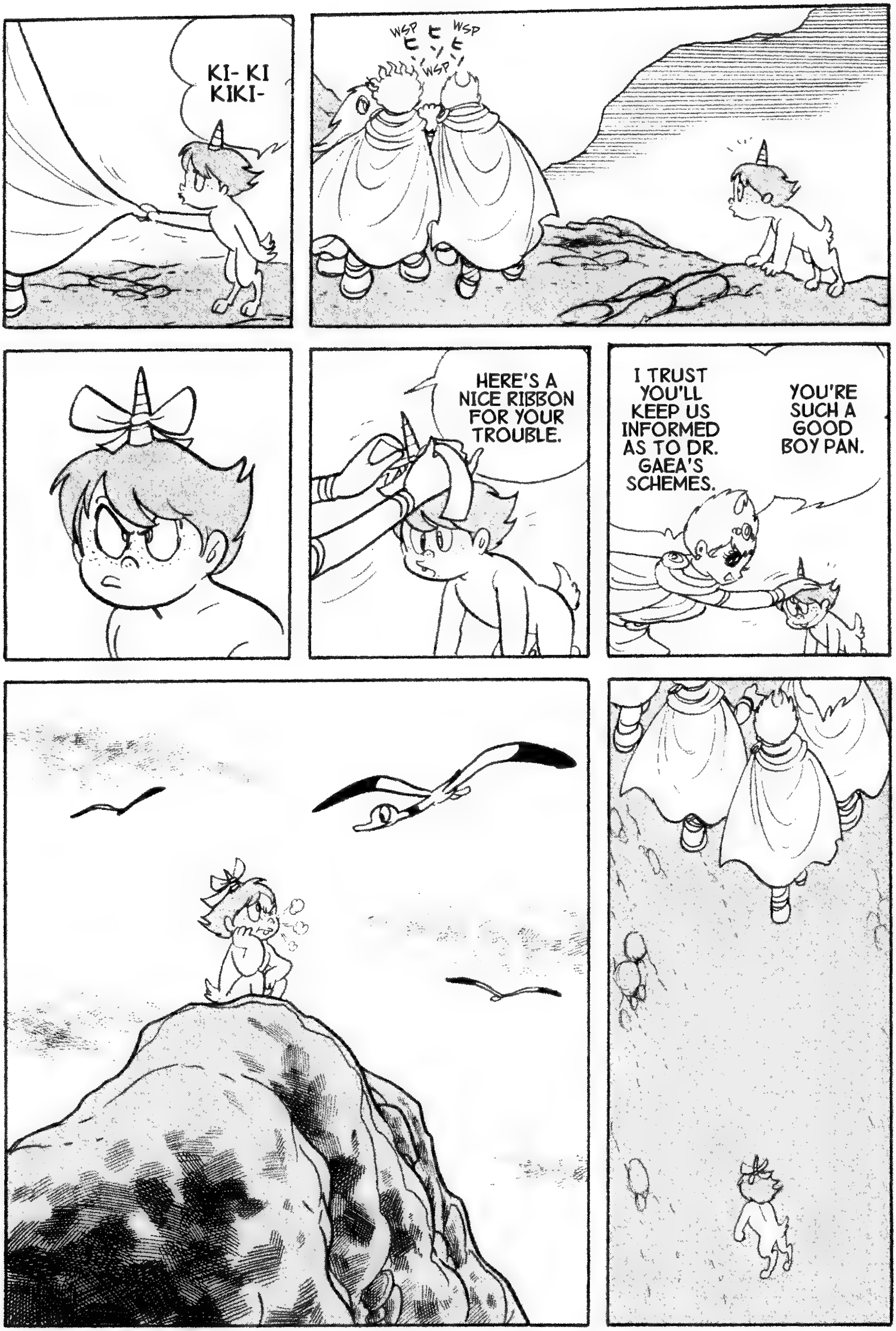
KLOP
ガラガラガラ
KLOPA KLOPA
YOU SHOULD BE ASHAMED OF YOURSELF. ASHAMED!
OUR VICTORY IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN YOUR DECORUM!
DR. GAEA, WHY HAVE YOU--


VICTORY IS OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE, THE PATH TO VICTORY MADE AS SHORT AS POSSIBLE.
NOW, YOU MAY NOT AGREE WITH MY TACTICS...
...BUT WHERE LIFE AND DEATH ARE CONCERNED, THERE ARE NO RULES. THIS ISN'T THE OLYMPICS!
WHAT SHOULD I BE ASHAMED OF? WHAT DID I DO WRONG?
WE'RE IN A BATTLE! AND IN A BATTLE YOUR GOAL IS TO DEFEAT THE ENEMY!
THE BEST TIME TO ATTACK THE ENEMY IS WHEN THEY'RE NOT EXPECTING IT.
THEY KNOW LITTLE ABOUT US, BUT WE KNOW WHERE THEY ARE, WE KNOW THEIR STATUS...
MAYBE YOUR SYMPATHY FOR THE ENEMY BETRAYS WHERE YOUR LOYALTY REALLY LIES.
MAYBE YOU'D BE HAPPY TO SEE THIS GREAT ORGANIZATION CRUMBLE!
I'D HATE TO THINK THAT YOU'D SACRIFICE YOUR CHILDREN FOR SOME DELUSIONAL EDICT OF FAIR PLAY, DR. URANUS.
THE MYOTOS CYBORGS ARE OUR CHILDREN.
DO YOU THINK I'D WANT TO SEE EVEN ONE OF THEM IN AN UNNECESSARY CLASH?
YOU'RE MUCH TOO TRUSTING, URANUS!
BAH!
PTUI
THAT'S NOT IT AT ALL.
I BELIEVE THAT FIGHTING AT ALL MAY PROVE UNNECESSARY. DR. GILMORE MAY JUST SURRENDER HIS TEAM TO US WHEN THEY ARRIVE.

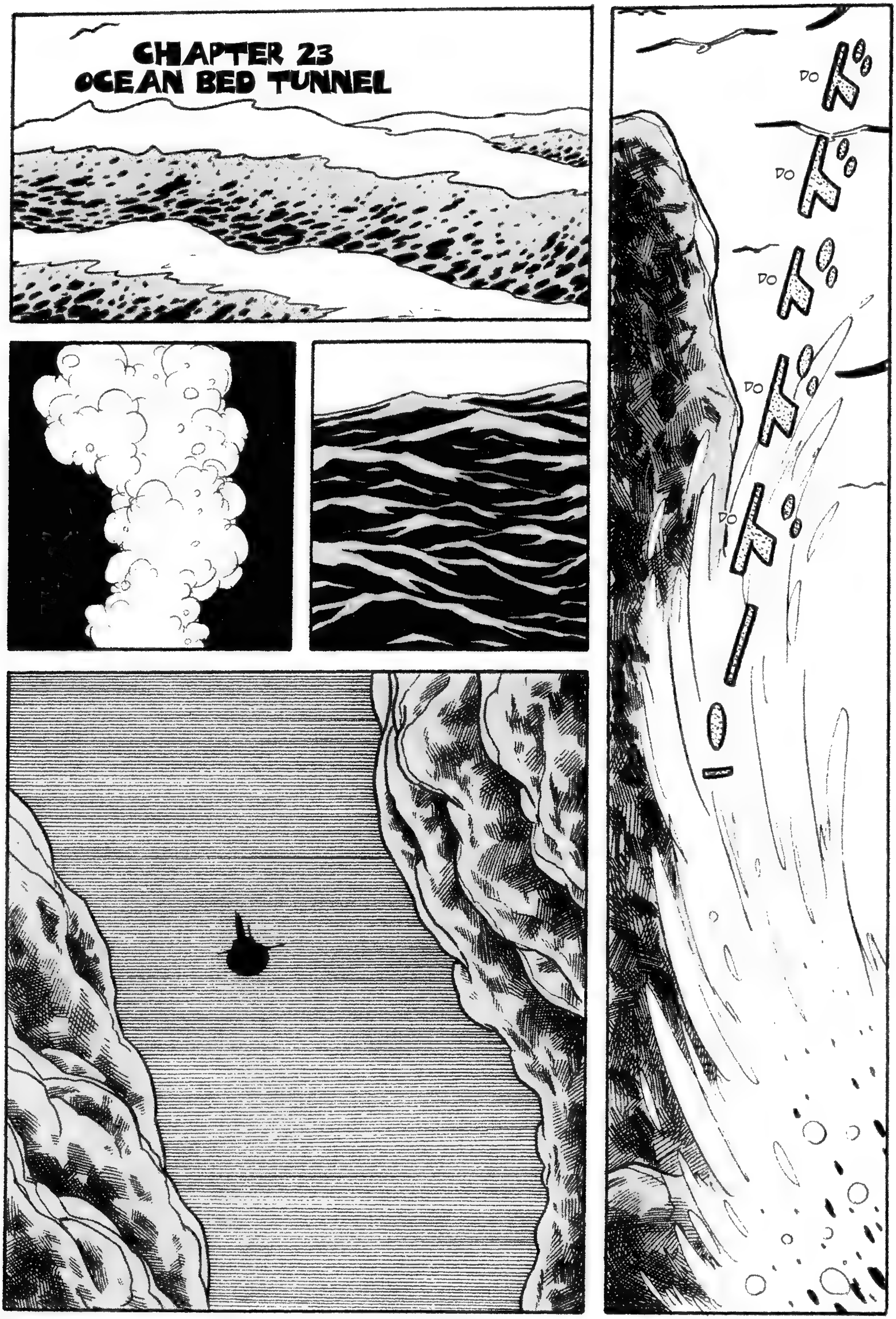

......
AND I CALL THE SHOTS AROUND HERE!
THUD
KI...
WHAT ARE YOU GOOD FOR?!
YOU IDIOT!
AND WHY ARE YOU LAUGHING?!
KII- KI KI KI.
WHUMP


OW OW OW!
FWOOP
I'VE GOT IT!
KI KI KI KI-.
THUMP
ACHOO
ACHOO
HMMM...
PERHAPS IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO HAVE AN UPGRADE, CENTAURUS D.
?
COME HERE, I HAVE SOMETHING FOR YOU.
HMM.
WHAT DID I TELL YOU, BOY?


THERE ARE A LOT MORE SWEET EGGS WHERE THAT CAME FROM!
NOW, PAN, IT'S YOUR JOB TO KEEP ME POSTED ON THOSE GUYS FROM NOW ON.
KI!
HERE'S A SWEET EGG FOR ALL YOUR HELP EARLIER.
I WON'T HURT YOU.
KI KI!
KI KI.
KI KI KI KI-.
WHAT SHOULD WE DO DR. URANUS?
THERE'S JUST NO STOPPING THAT MAN.
WHAT?! DR. GAEA IS ADDING A POWERFUL WEAPON TO CENTAURUS D?


KI- KI KIKI-
WSP
WSP
WSP
HERE'S A NICE RIBBON FOR YOUR TROUBLE.
I TRUST YOU'LL KEEP US INFORMED AS TO DR. GAEA'S SCHEMES.
YOU'RE SUCH A GOOD BOY PAN.

CHAPTER 23
OCEAN BED TUNNEL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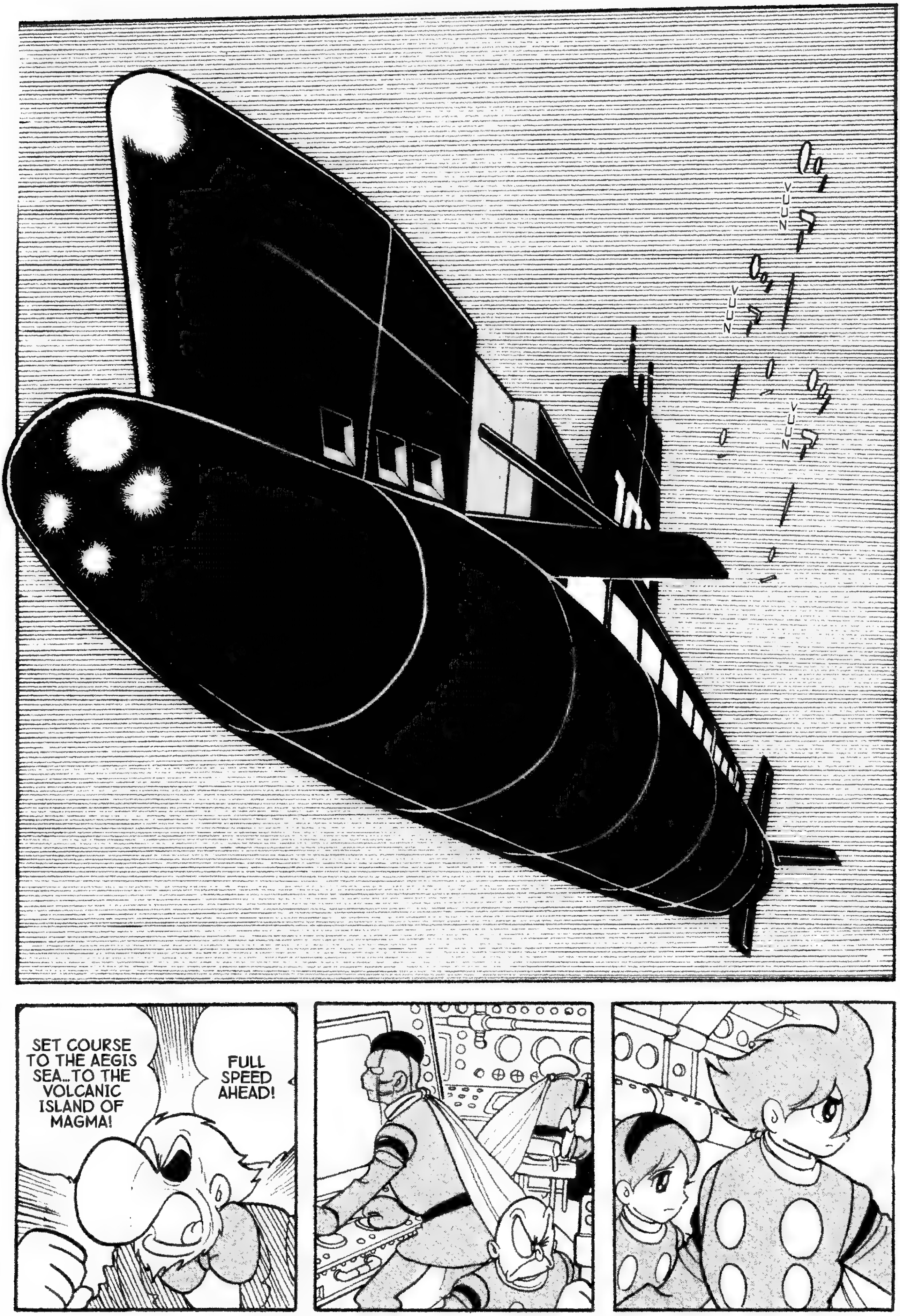
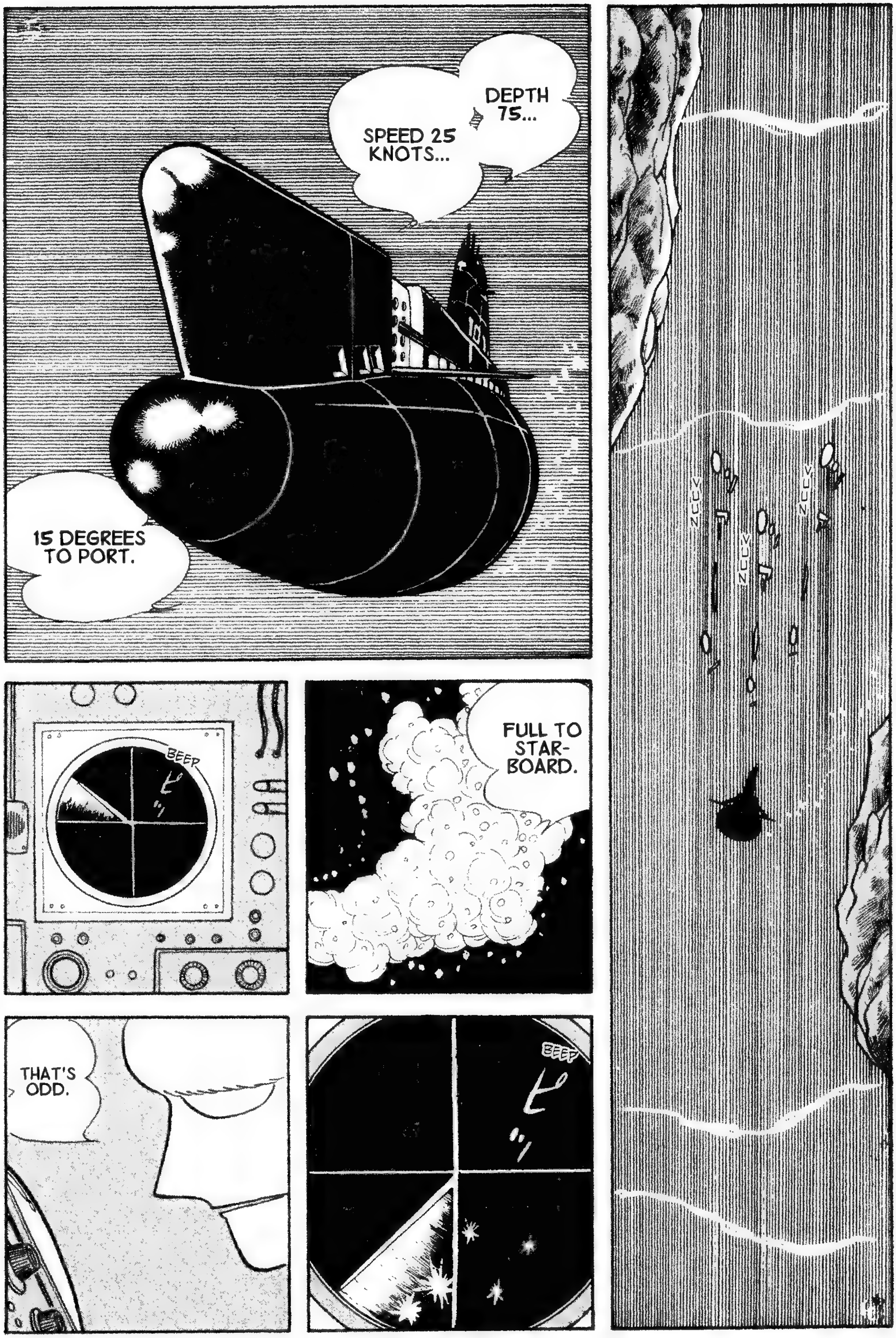
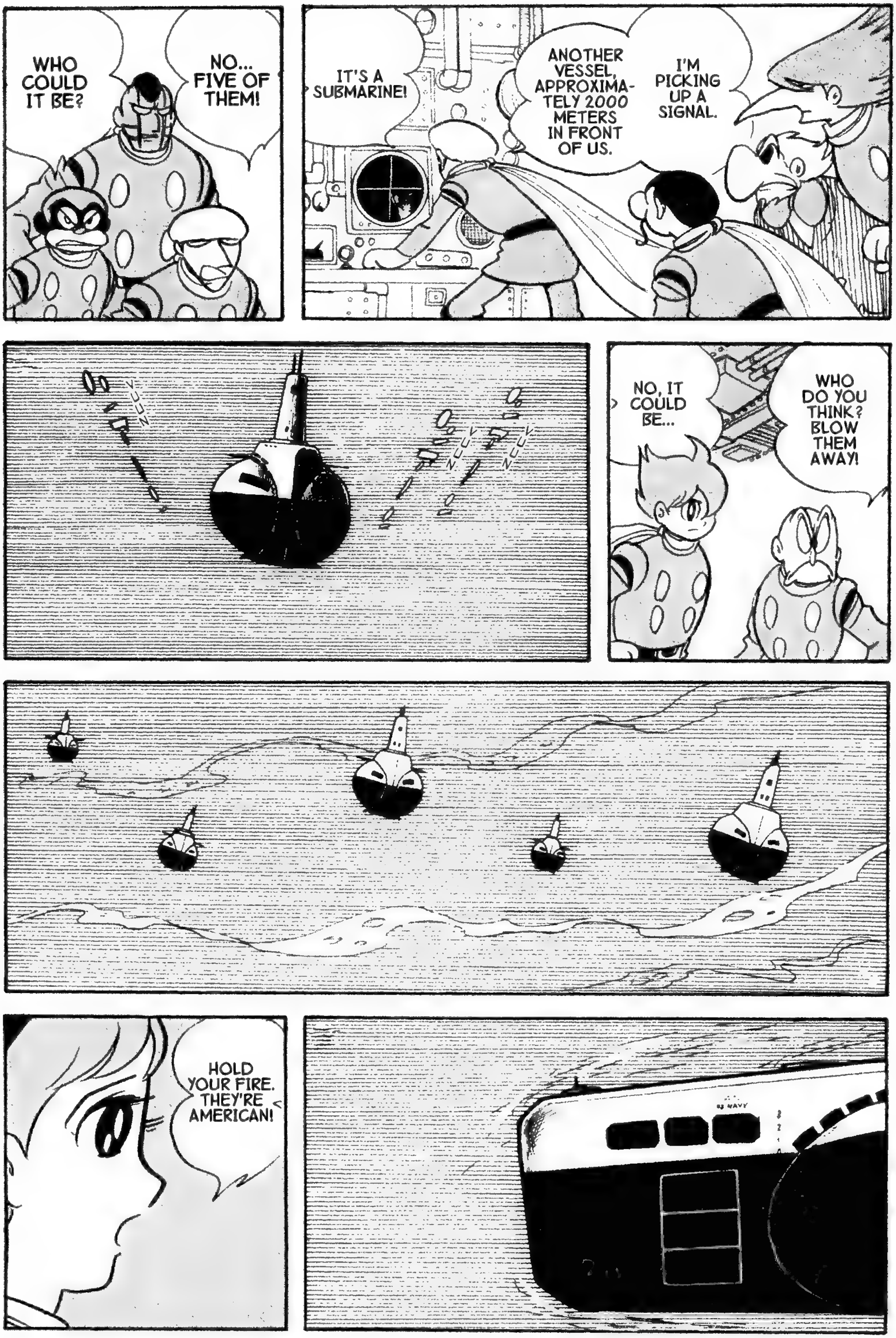
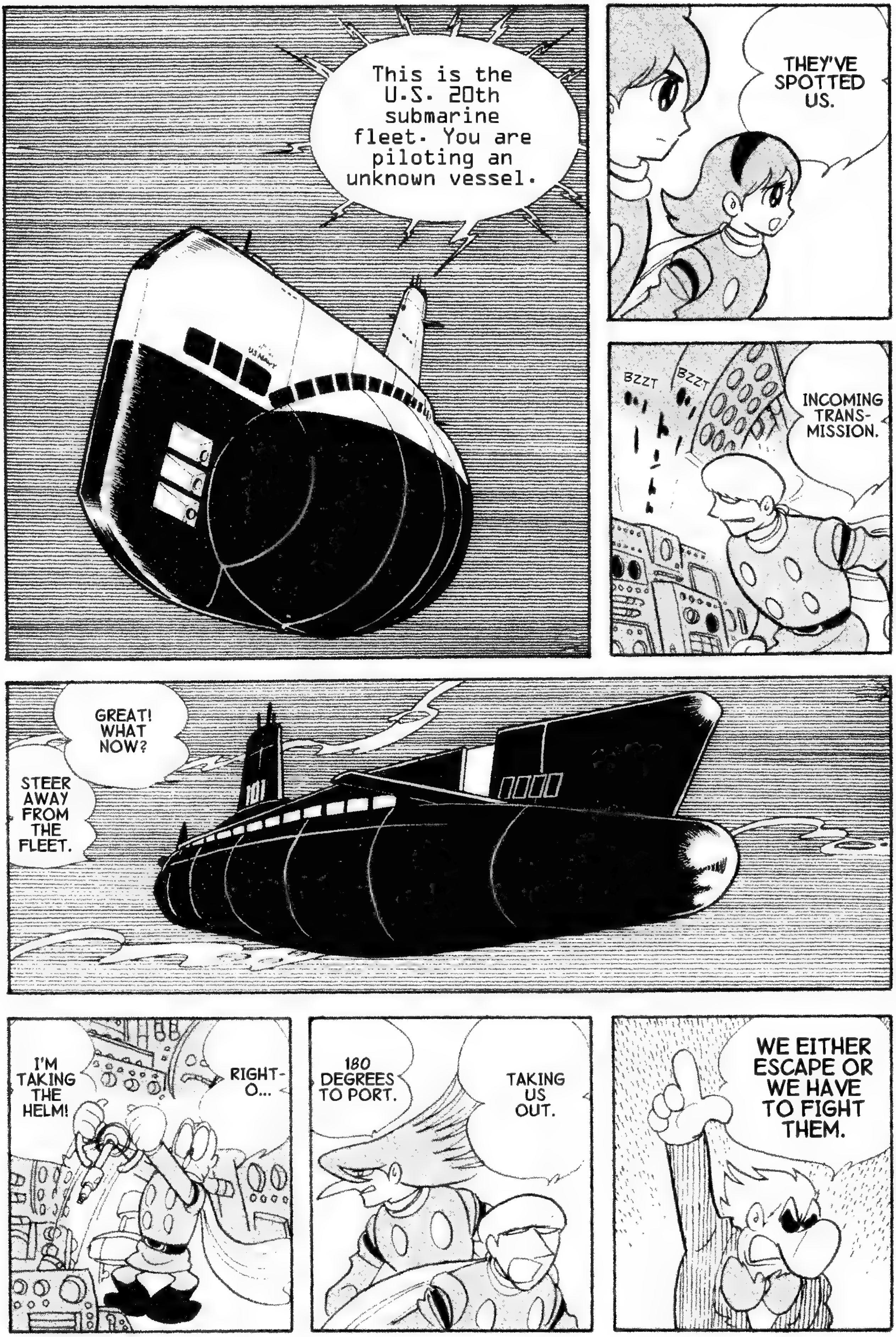
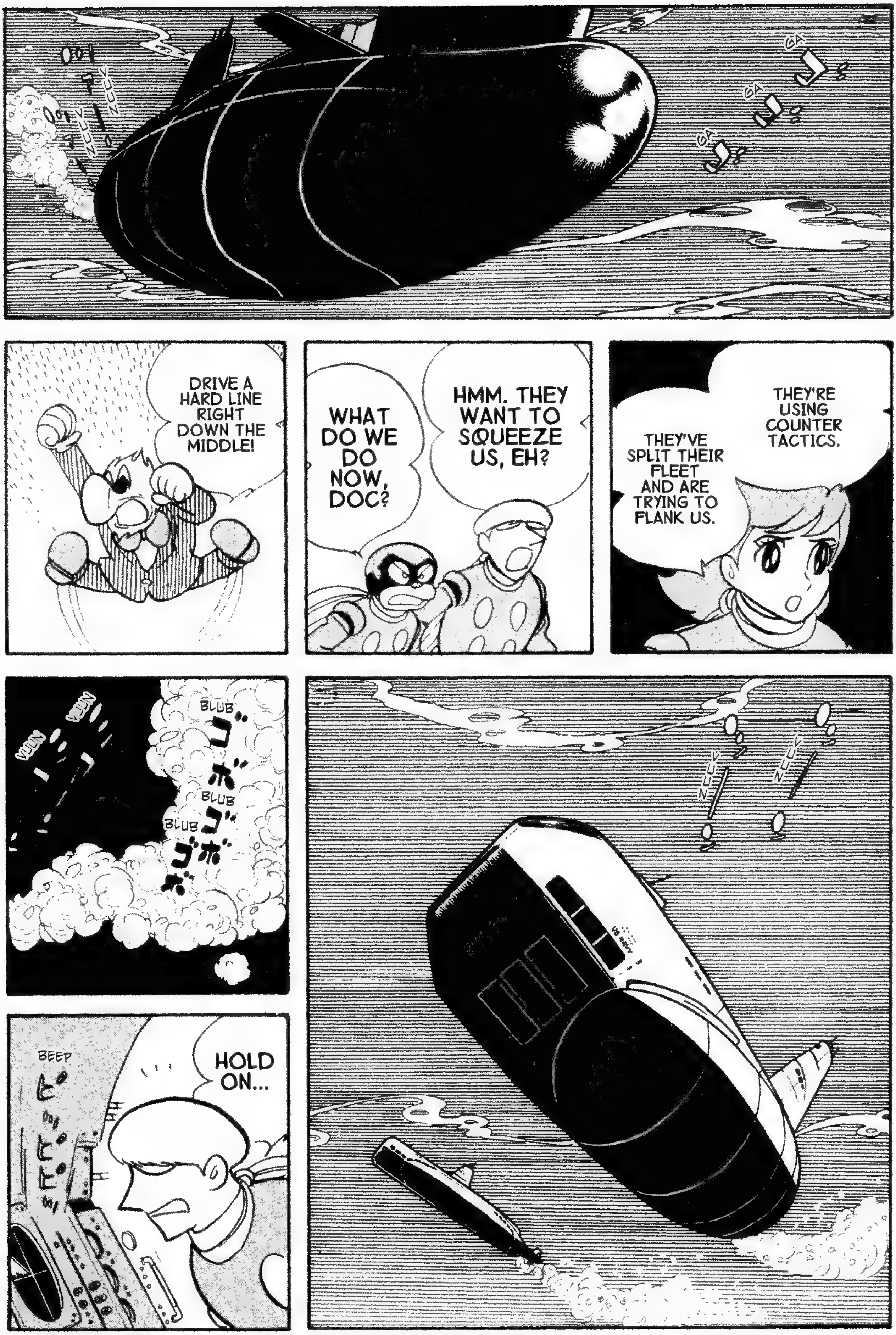
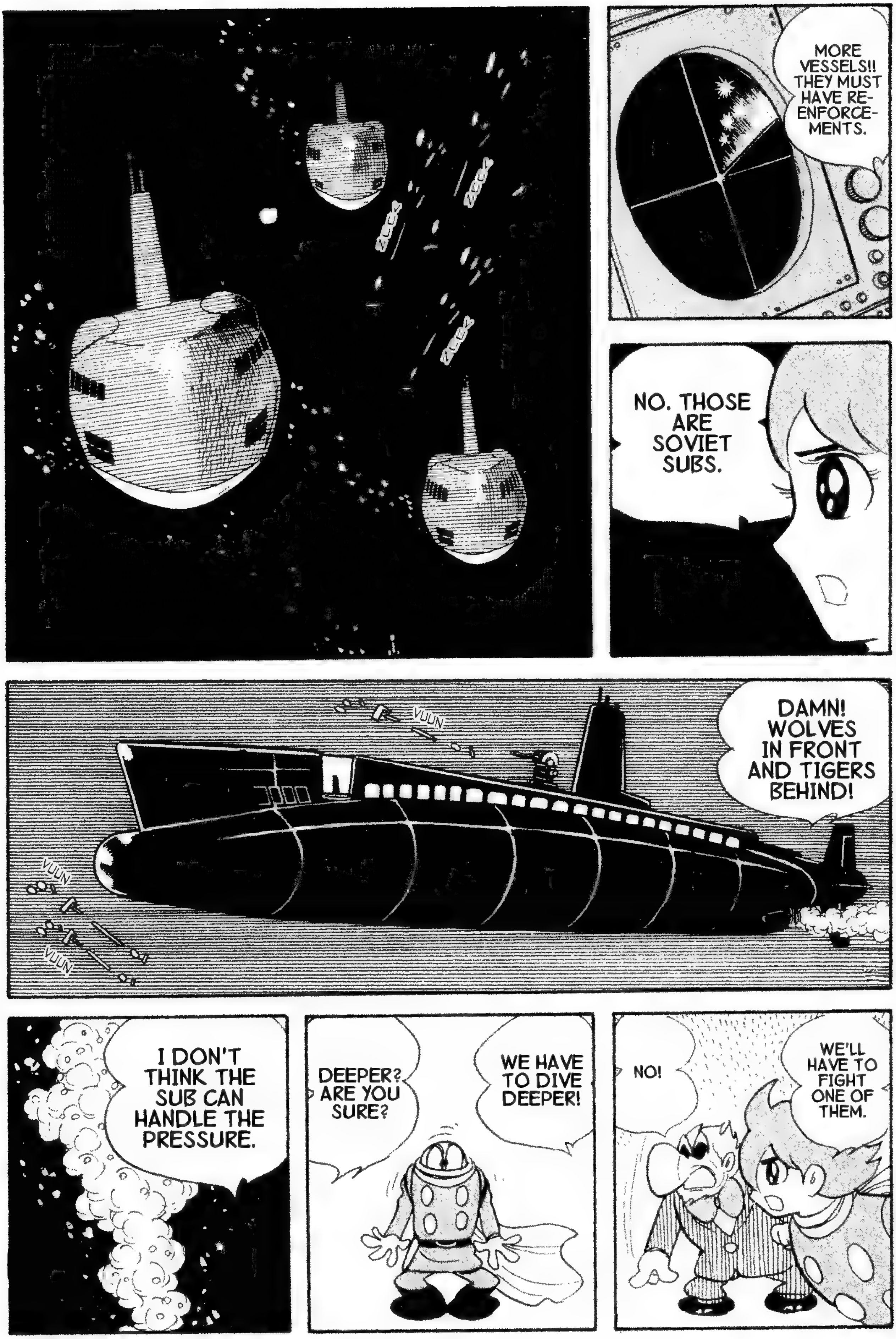

VUUN
VUUN
VUUN
SET COURSE TO THE AEGIS SEA...TO THE VOLCANIC ISLAND OF MAGMA!
FULL SPEED AHEAD!

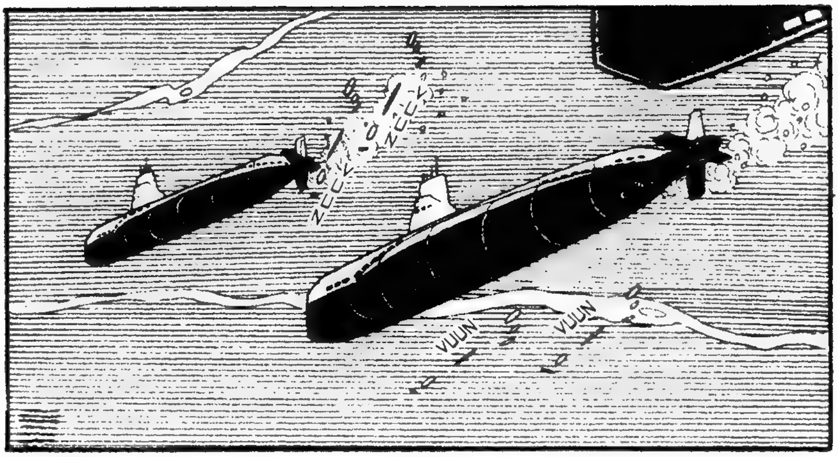

SPEED 25 KNOTS...
DEPTH 75...
15 DEGREES TO PORT.
ZUUN
ZUUN
ZUUN
BEEP
FULL TO STAR-BOARD.
THAT'S ODD.
BEEP


I'M PICKING UP A SIGNAL.
ANOTHER VESSEL, APPROXIMATELY 2000 METERS IN FRONT OF US.
IT'S A SUBMARINE!
NO... FIVE OF THEM!
WHO COULD IT BE?
WHO DO YOU THINK? BLOW THEM AWAY!
NO, IT COULD BE...
VUUN
VUUN
VUUN
US NAVY
HOLD YOUR FIRE. THEY'RE AMERICAN!


This is the U.S. 20th submarine fleet. You are piloting an unknown vessel.
THEY'VE SPOTTED US.
BZZT
BZZT
INCOMING TRANSMISSION.
U.S. Navy
101
GREAT! WHAT NOW?
STEER AWAY FROM THE FLEET.
I'M TAKING THE HELM!
RIGHT-O...
180 DEGREES TO PORT.
TAKING US OUT.
WE EITHER ESCAPE OR WE HAVE TO FIGHT THEM.


VUUN
VUUN
GA
GA
GA
THEY'RE USING COUNTER TACTICS.
THEY'VE SPLIT THEIR FLEET AND ARE TRYING TO FLANK US.
HMM. THEY WANT TO SQUEEZE US, EH?
WHAT DO WE DO NOW, DOC?
DRIVE A HARD LINE RIGHT DOWN THE MIDDLE!
ZUCK
ZUCK
VUUN
VUUN
BLUB ゴボ
BLUB ゴボ
BLUB ゴボ
HOLD ON...
BEEP ピピピ


ZUUK
ZUUK
ZUUK
MORE VESSELS!! THEY MUST HAVE RE-ENFORCEMENTS.
NO. THOSE ARE SOVIET SUBS.
VUUN
VUUN
VUUN
DAMN! WOLVES IN FRONT AND TIGERS BEHIND!
I DON'T THINK THE SUB CAN HANDLE THE PRESSURE.
WE HAVE TO DIVE DEEPER!
DEEPER? ARE YOU SURE?
NO!
WE'LL HAVE TO FIGHT ONE OF THEM.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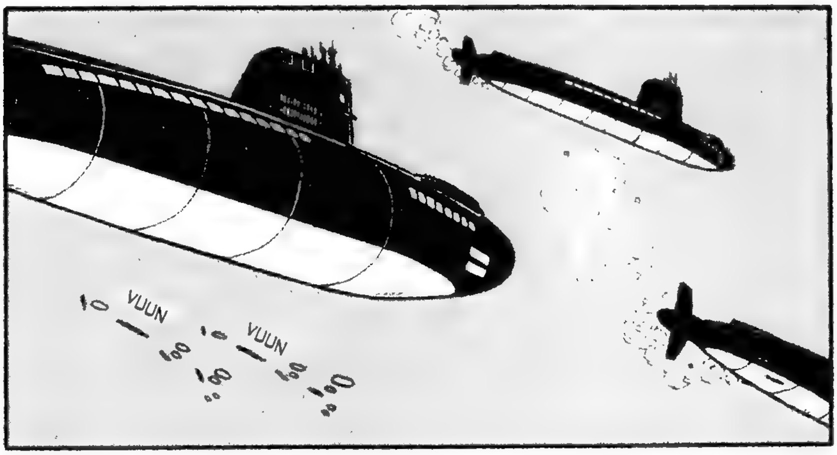
VUUN
VUUN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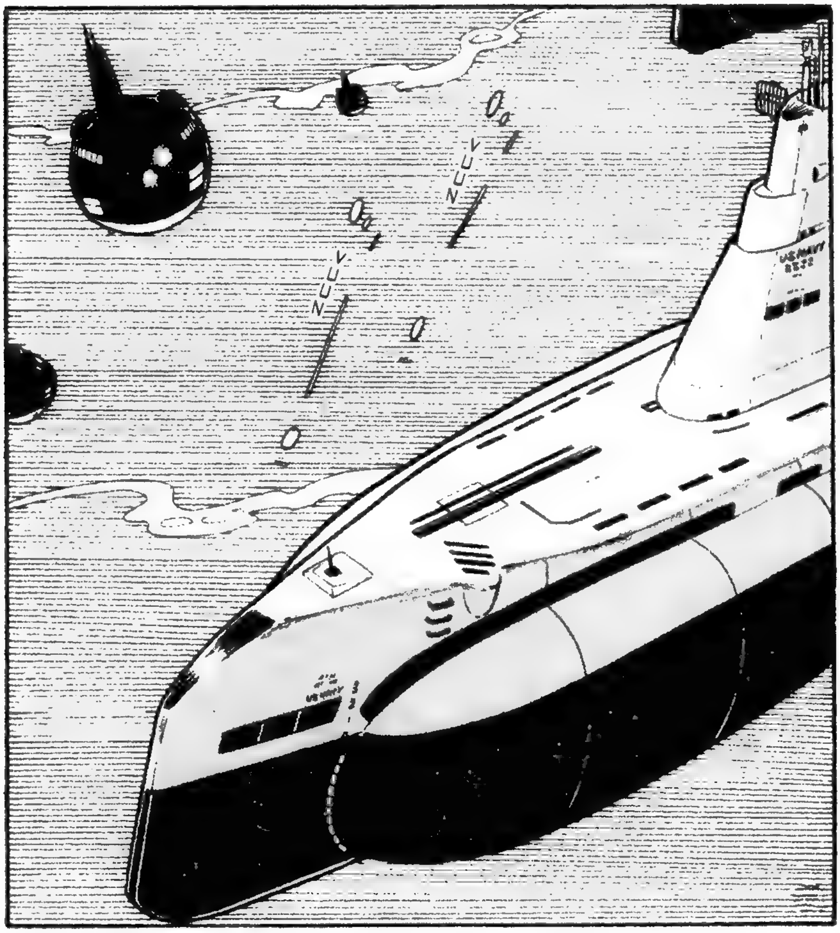
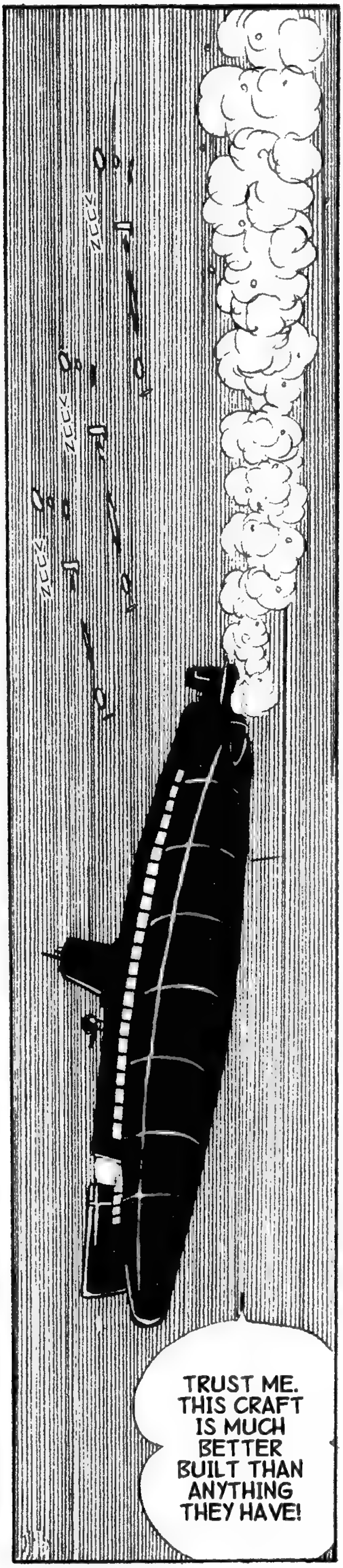

VUUN
VUUN
US NAVY


ZCCCV
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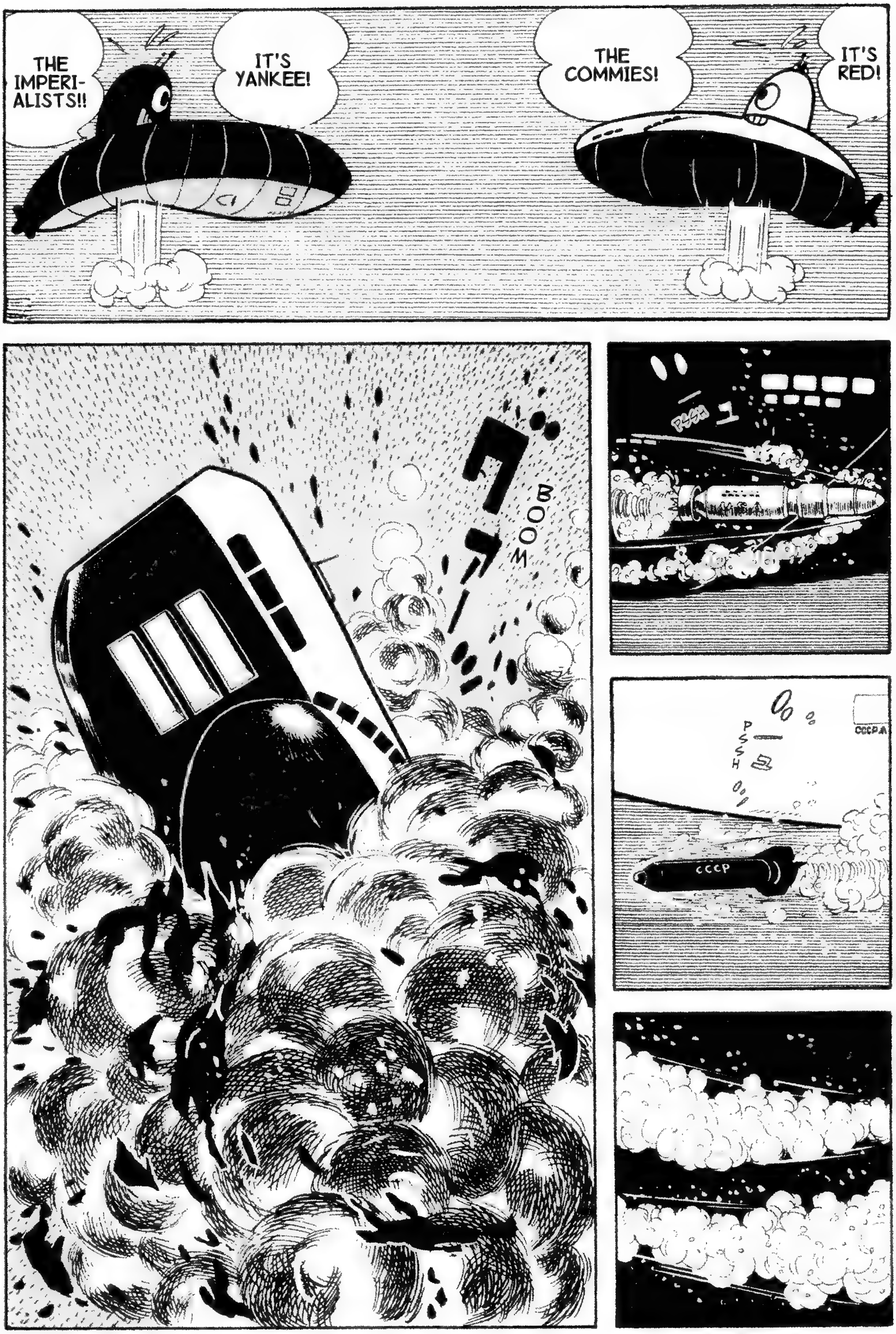
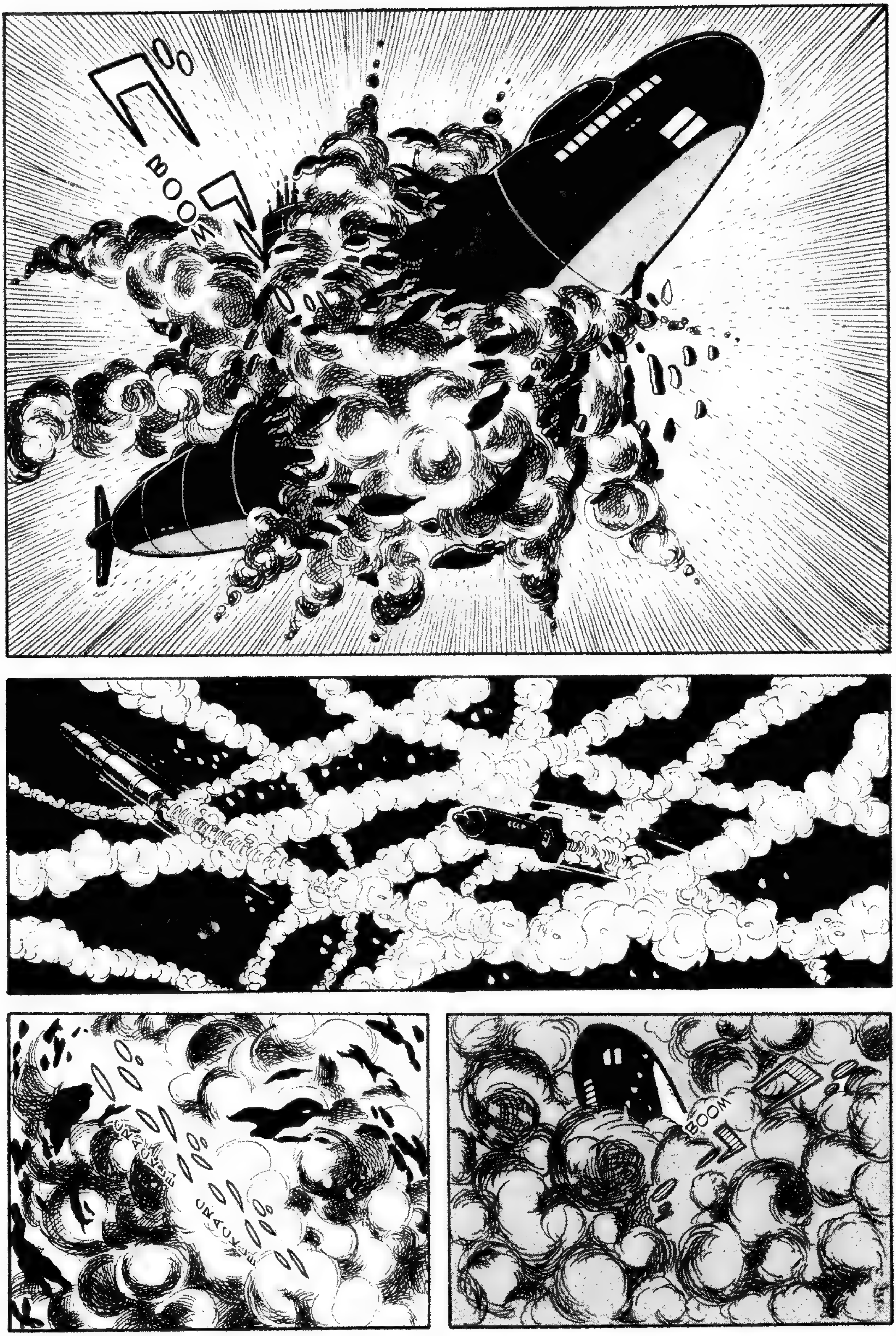
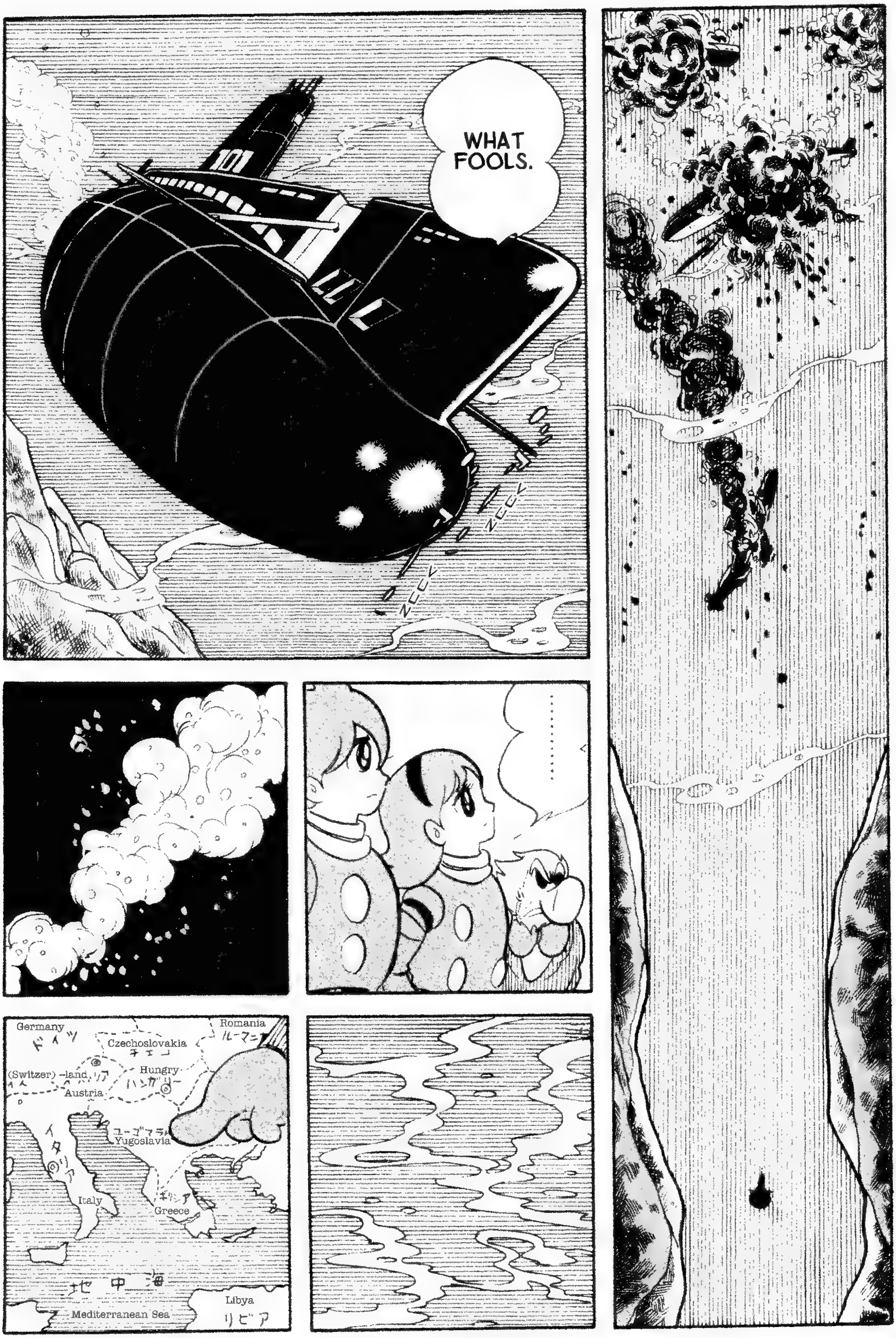
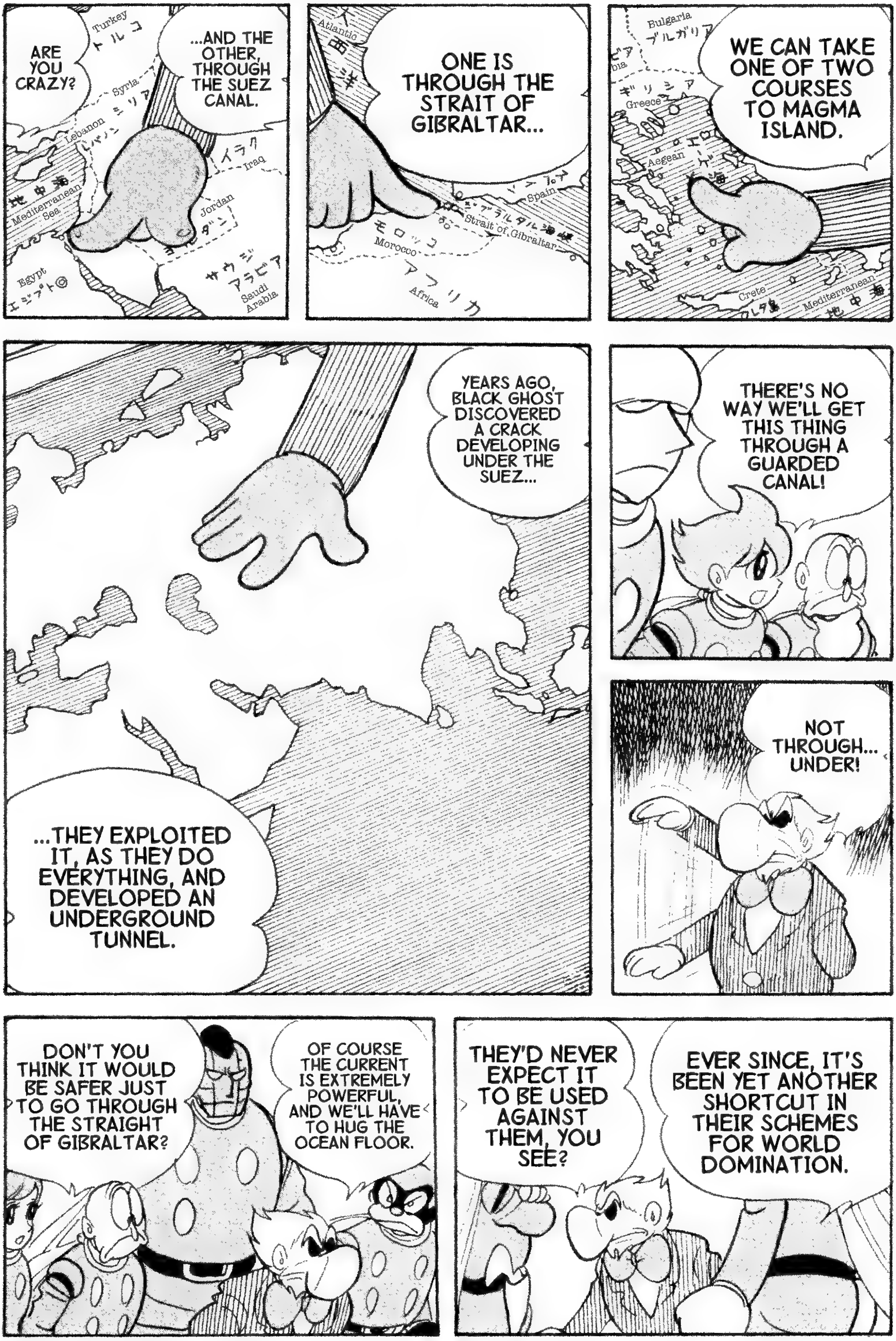
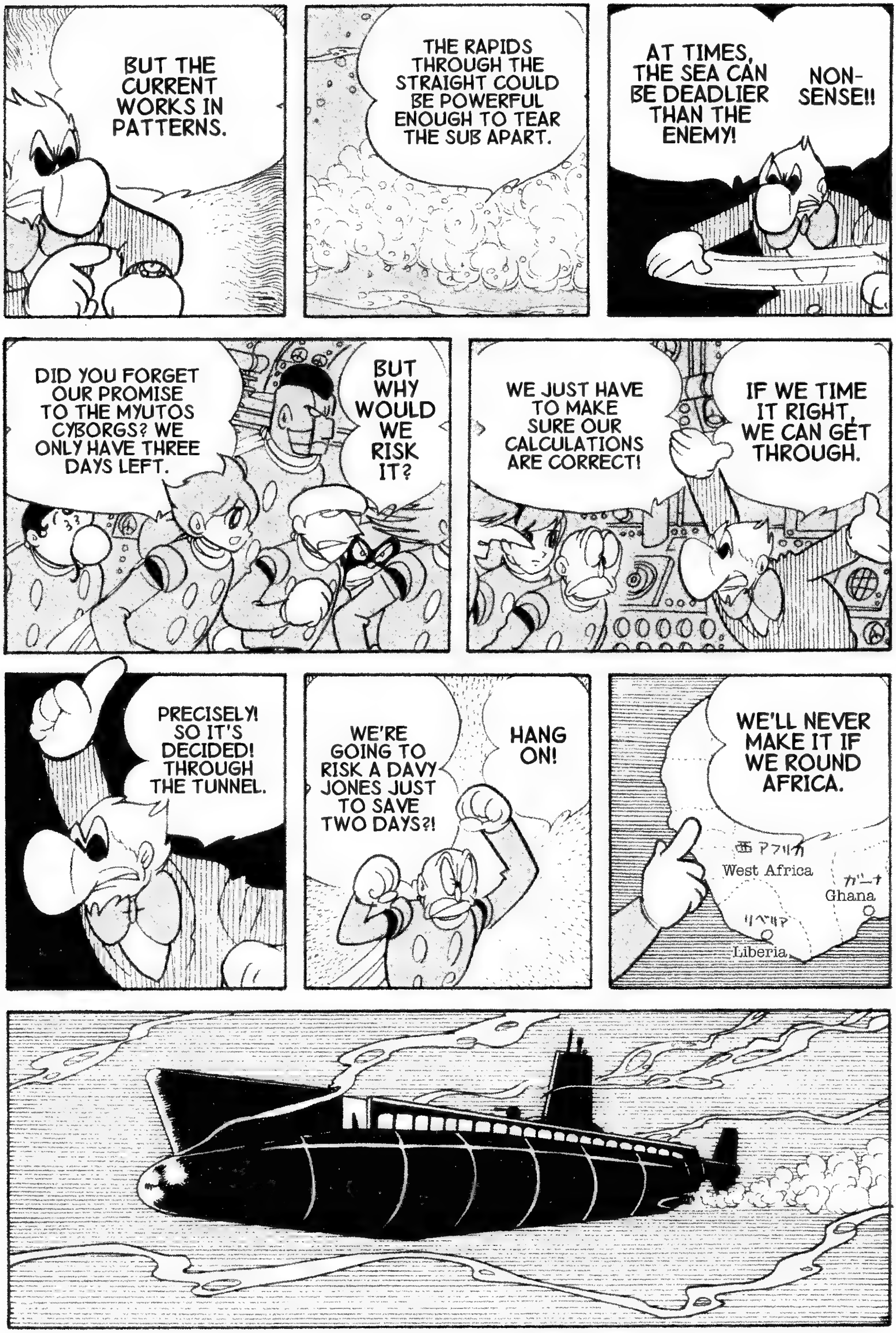
TRUST ME. THIS CRAFT IS MUCH BETTER BUILT THAN ANYTHING THEY HAVE!

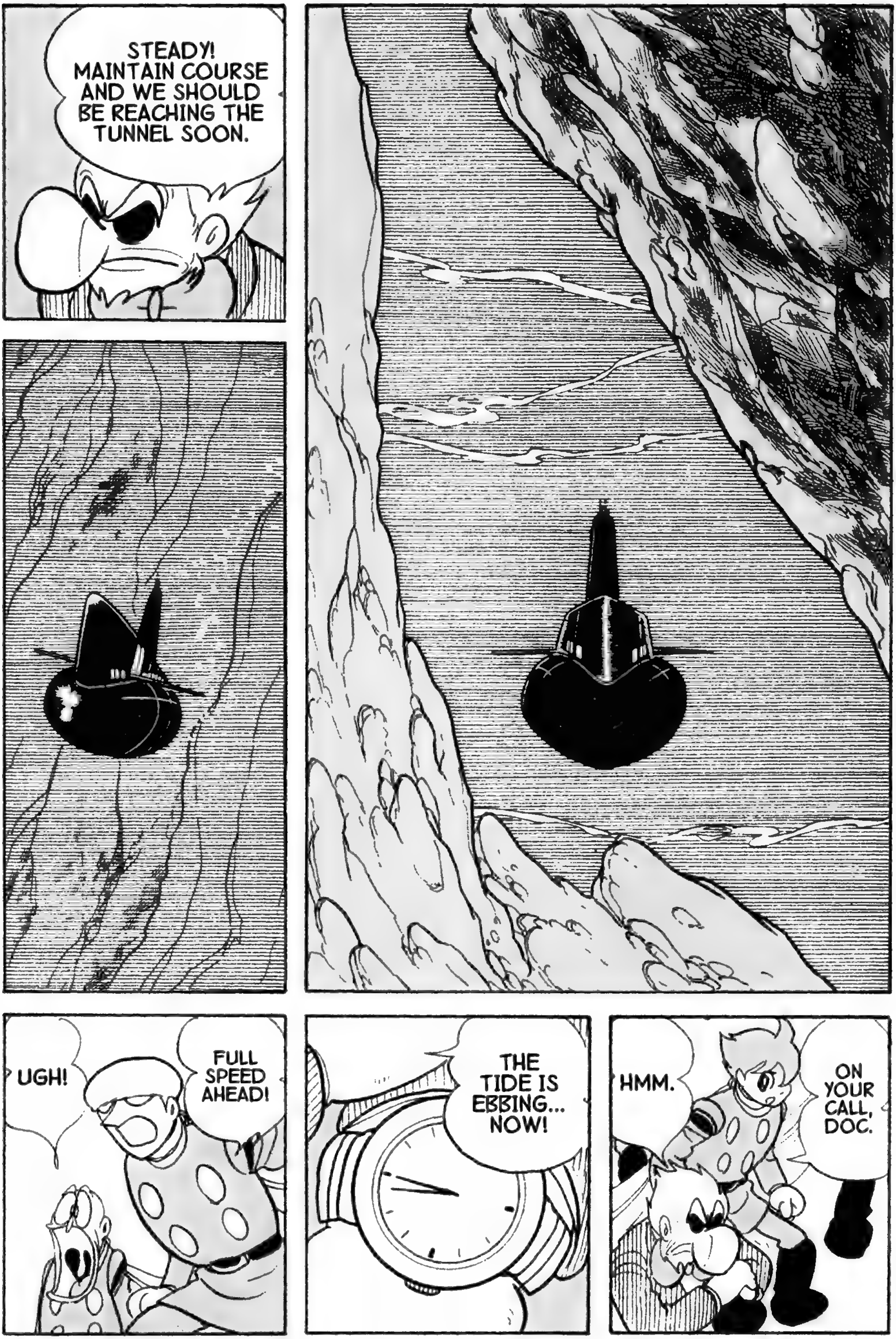

THE IMPERIALISTS!!
IT'S YANKEE!
THE COMMIES!
IT'S RED!
BOOM
PSSH
PSSH
CCCP
CCCP

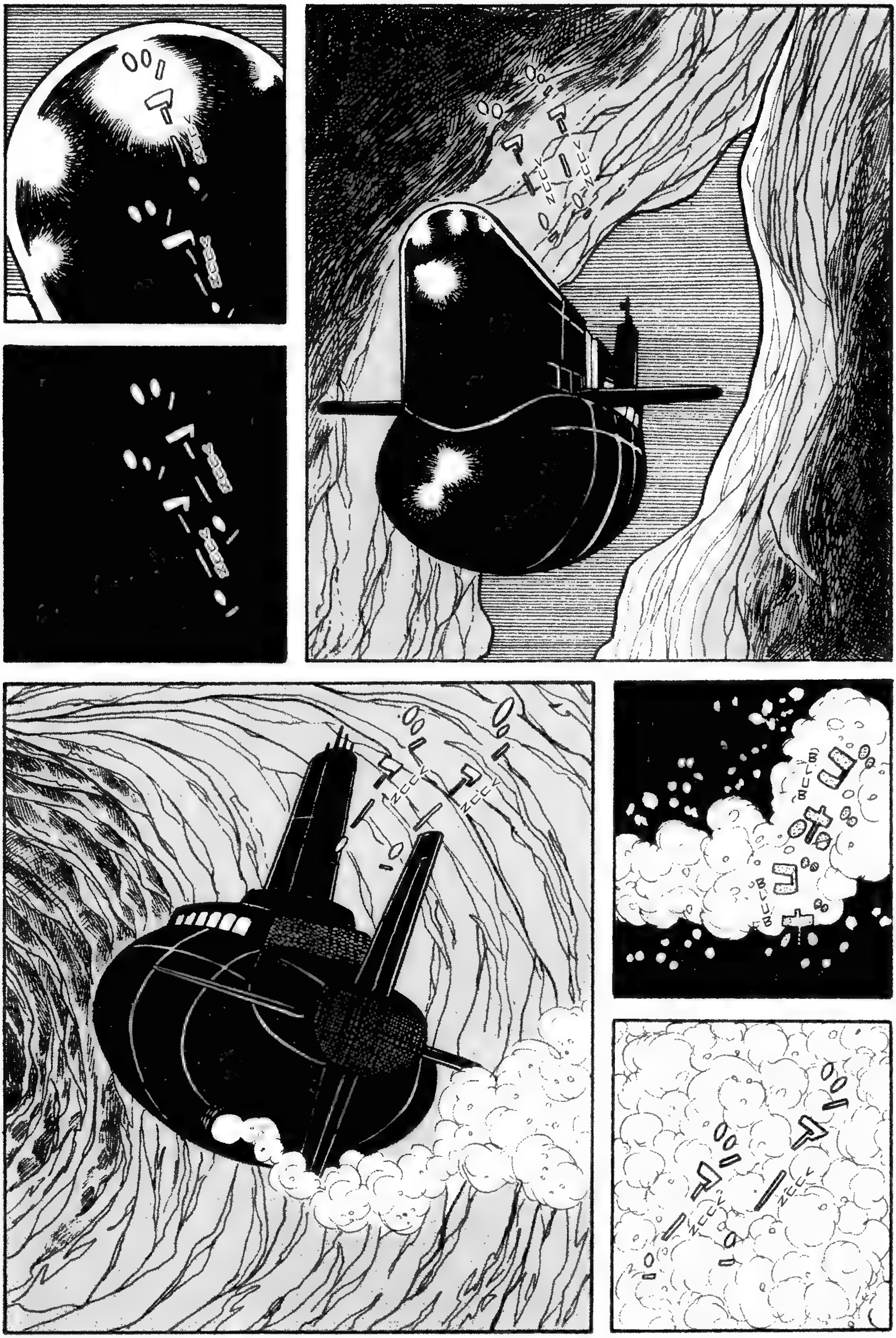

BOOM
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
BOOM


WHAT FOOLS.
VUUN
VUUN
......
Germany ドイツ
Czechoslovakia チェコ
Romania ルーマニア
(Switzer) -land スイス
Hungry ハンガリー
Austria
ユーゴスラビア Yugoslavia
イタリア Italy
ギリシア Greece
地中海 Mediterranean Sea
Libya リビア


Bulgaria
ブルガリア
Greece
ギリシア
Aegean
エーゲ海
Crete
クレタ島
Mediterranean
地中海
WE CAN TAKE ONE OF TWO COURSES TO MAGMA ISLAND.
Atlantic
大西洋
Spain
スペイン
Strait of Gibraltar
ジブラルタル海峡
Morocco
モロッコ
Africa
アフリカ
ONE IS THROUGH THE STRAIT OF GIBRALTAR...
Turkey
トルコ
Syria
シリア
Lebanon
レバノン
Iraq
イラク
Jordan
ヨルダン
Mediterranean Sea
地中海
Egypt
エジプト
Saudi Arabia
サウジアラビア
...AND THE OTHER, THROUGH THE SUEZ CANAL.
ARE YOU CRAZY?
THERE'S NO WAY WE'LL GET THIS THING THROUGH A GUARDED CANAL!
NOT THROUGH... UNDER!
YEARS AGO, BLACK GHOST DISCOVERED A CRACK DEVELOPING UNDER THE SUEZ...
...THEY EXPLOITED IT, AS THEY DO EVERYTHING, AND DEVELOPED AN UNDERGROUND TUNNEL.
EVER SINCE, IT'S BEEN YET ANOTHER SHORTCUT IN THEIR SCHEMES FOR WORLD DOMINATION.
THEY'D NEVER EXPECT IT TO BE USED AGAINST THEM, YOU SEE?
OF COURSE THE CURRENT IS EXTREMELY POWERFUL, AND WE'LL HAVE TO HUG THE OCEAN FLOOR.
DON'T YOU THINK IT WOULD BE SAFER JUST TO GO THROUGH THE STRAIGHT OF GIBRALTAR?


BUT THE CURRENT WORKS IN PATTERNS.
THE RAPIDS THROUGH THE STRAIGHT COULD BE POWERFUL ENOUGH TO TEAR THE SUB APART.
AT TIMES, THE SEA CAN BE DEADLIER THAN THE ENEMY!
NON-SENSE!!
DID YOU FORGET OUR PROMISE TO THE MYUTOS CYBORGS? WE ONLY HAVE THREE DAYS LEFT.
BUT WHY WOULD WE RISK IT?
WE JUST HAVE TO MAKE SURE OUR CALCULATIONS ARE CORRECT!
IF WE TIME IT RIGHT, WE CAN GET THROUGH.
PRECISELY! SO IT'S DECIDED! THROUGH THE TUNNEL.
WE'RE GOING TO RISK A DAVY JONES JUST TO SAVE TWO DAYS?!
HANG ON!
WE'LL NEVER MAKE IT IF WE ROUND AFRICA.
西アフリカ
West Africa
ガーナ
Ghana
リベリア
Liberia


STEADY! MAINTAIN COURSE AND WE SHOULD BE REACHING THE TUNNEL SOON.
ON YOUR CALL, DOC.
HMM.
THE TIDE IS EBBING... NOW!
FULL SPEED AHEAD!
UGH!


VUUN
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BLUB
BLUB
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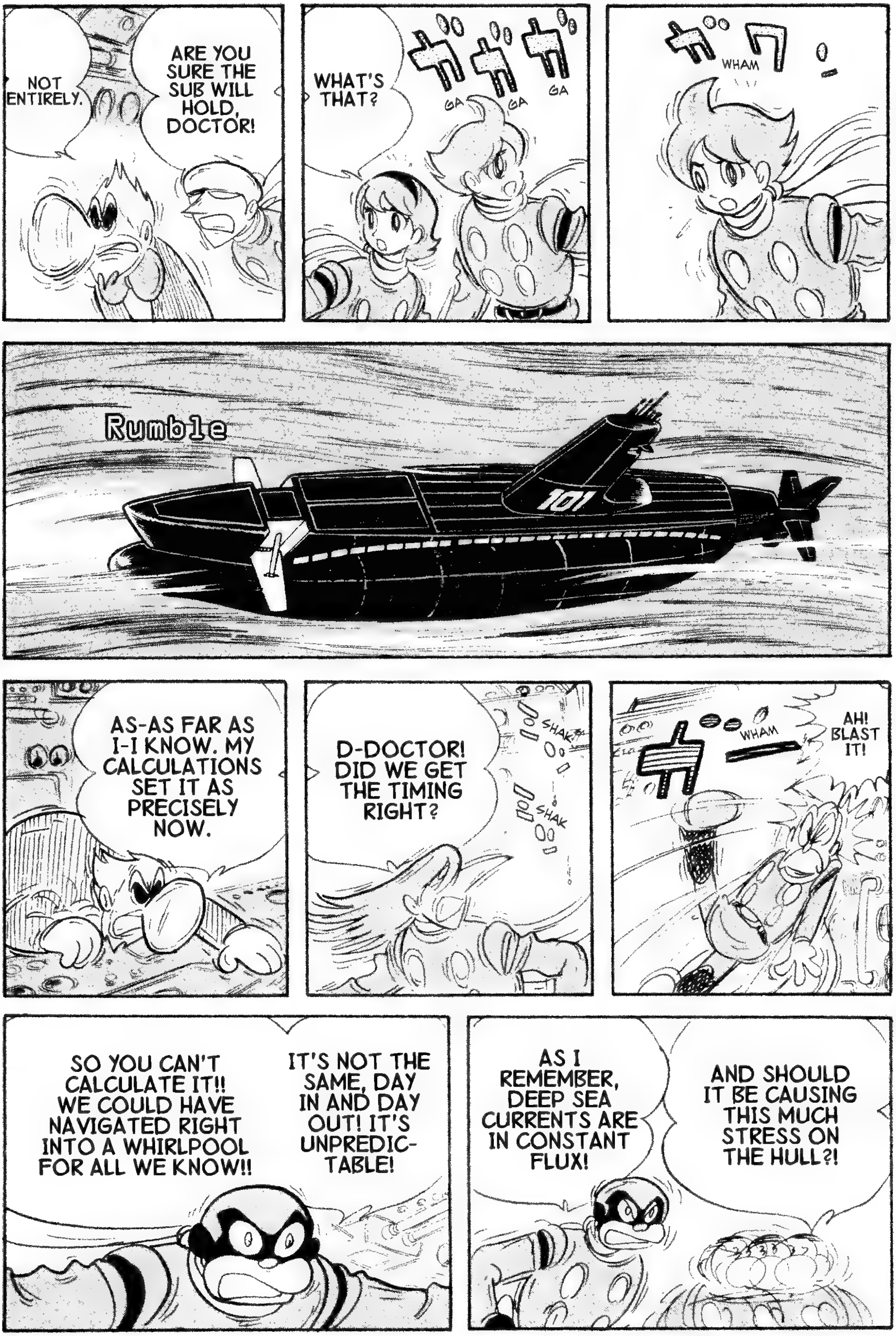
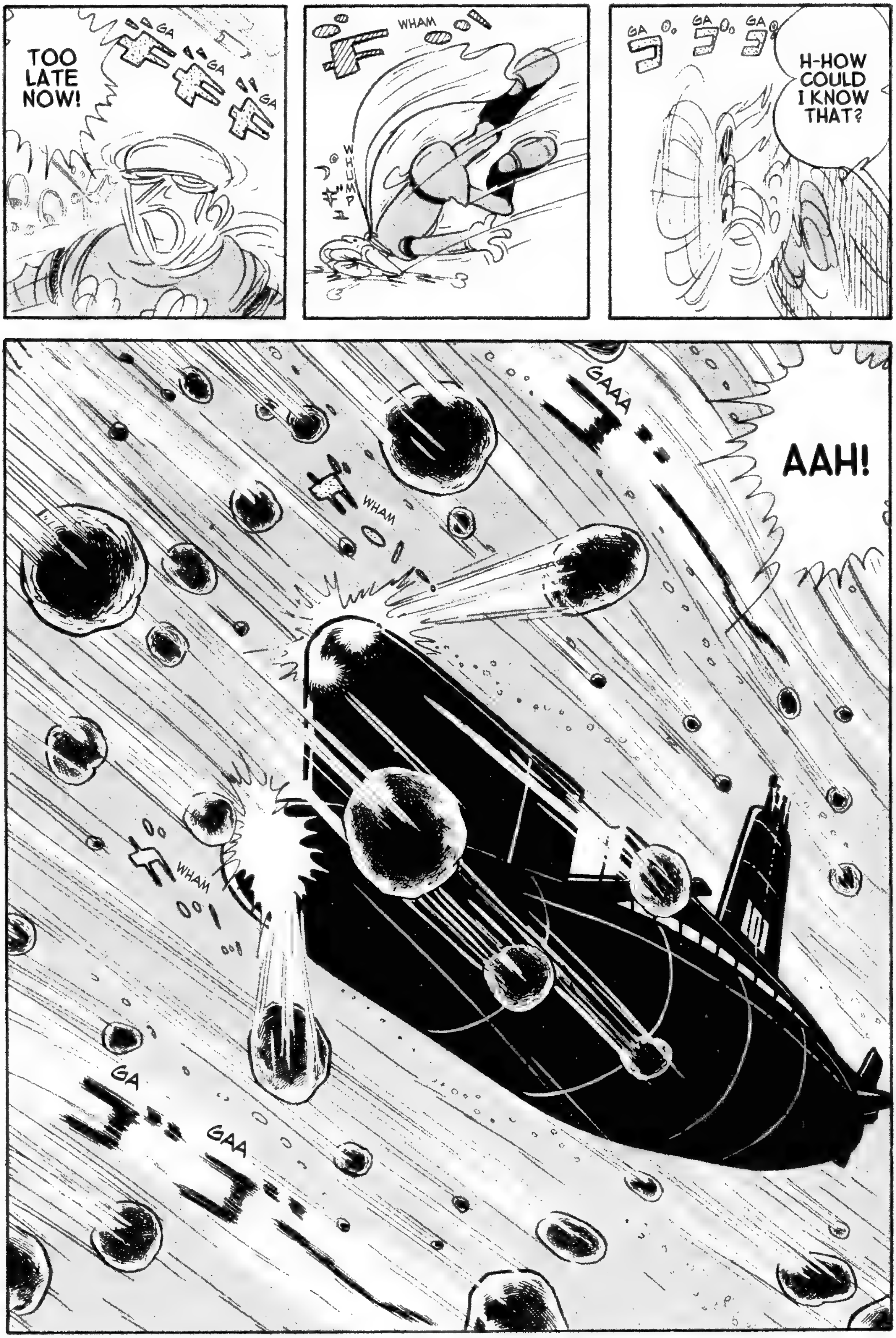
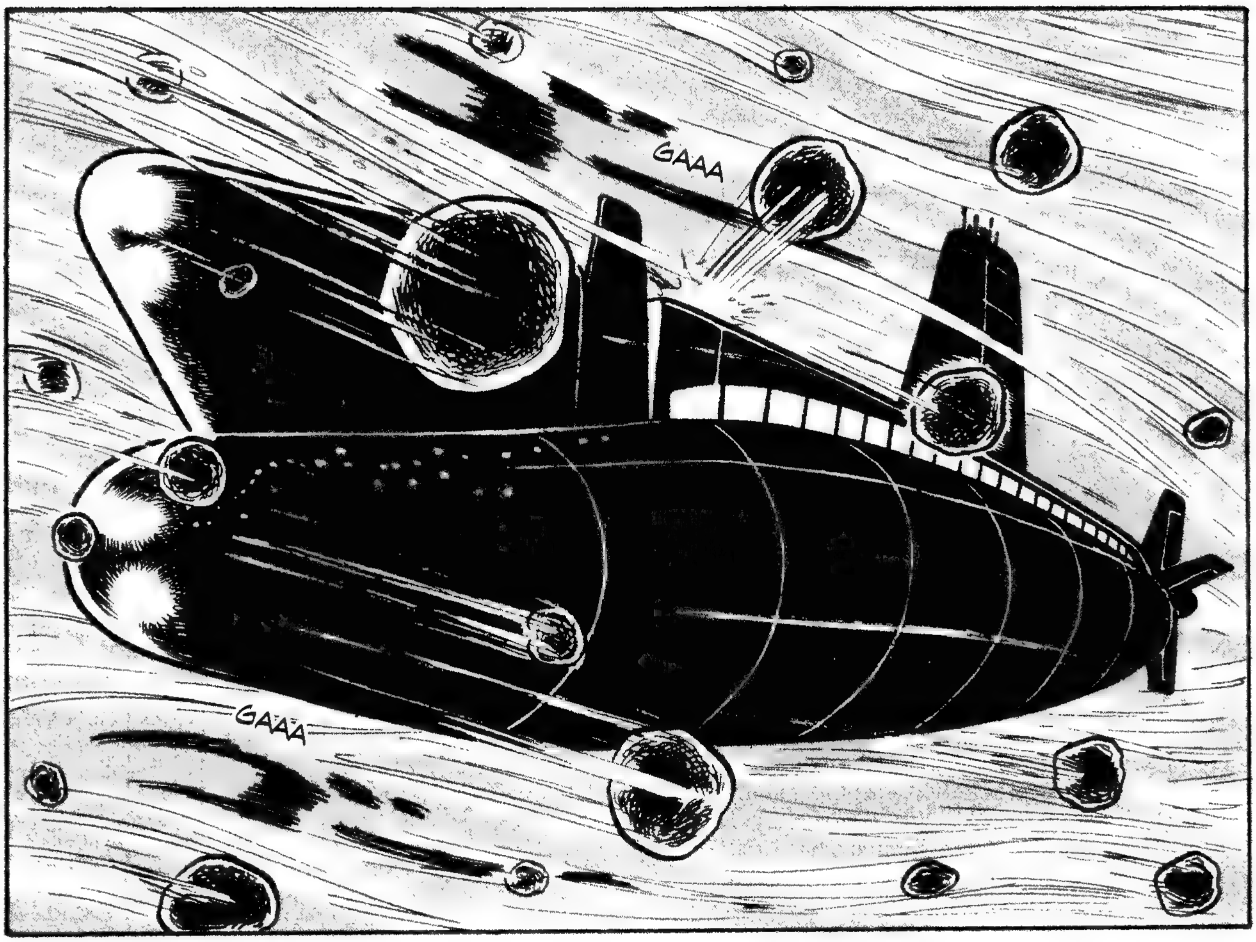
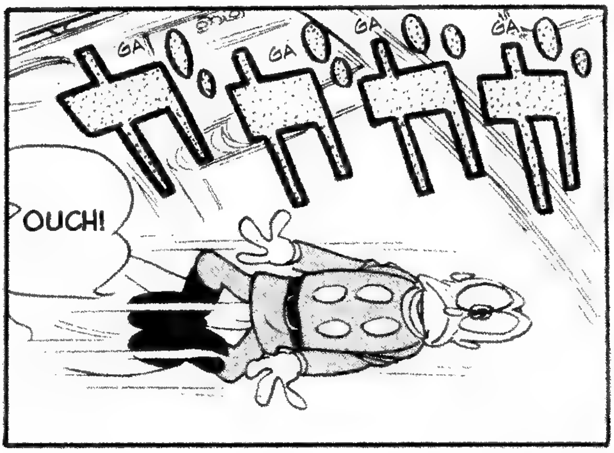
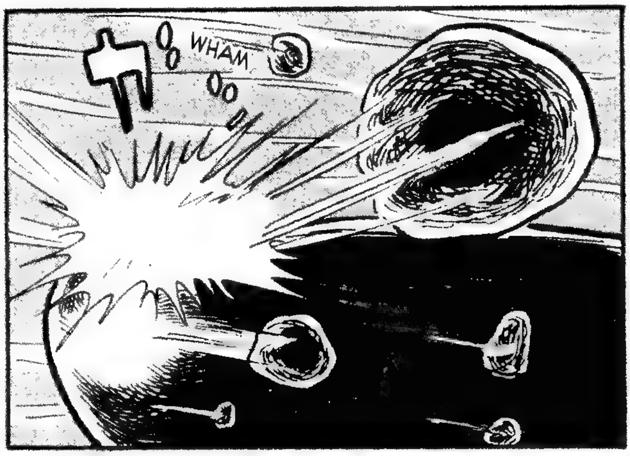
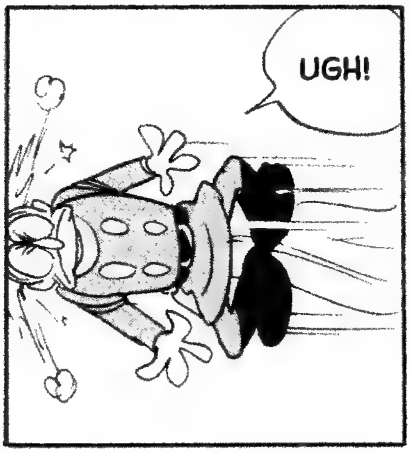

ARE YOU SURE THE SUB WILL HOLD, DOCTOR!
NOT ENTIRELY.
ガガガ
GA GA GA
WHAT'S THAT?
ガッ
WHAM
Rumble
101
D-DOCTOR! DID WE GET THE TIMING RIGHT?
SHAK
SHAK
AS-AS FAR AS I-I KNOW. MY CALCULATIONS SET IT AS PRECISELY NOW.
WHAM
AH! BLAST IT!
IT'S NOT THE SAME, DAY IN AND DAY OUT! IT'S UNPREDICTABLE!
SO YOU CAN'T CALCULATE IT!! WE COULD HAVE NAVIGATED RIGHT INTO A WHIRLPOOL FOR ALL WE KNOW!!
AND SHOULD IT BE CAUSING THIS MUCH STRESS ON THE HULL?!
AS I REMEMBER, DEEP SEA CURRENTS ARE IN CONSTANT FLUX!


TOO LATE NOW!
GA
GA
GA
WHAM
WHUMP
GA
GA
GA
H-HOW COULD I KNOW THAT?
GAAA
AAH!
WHAM
WHAM
GA
GAA


GAAA
GAAA


GA
GA
GA
GA
OUCH!


WHAM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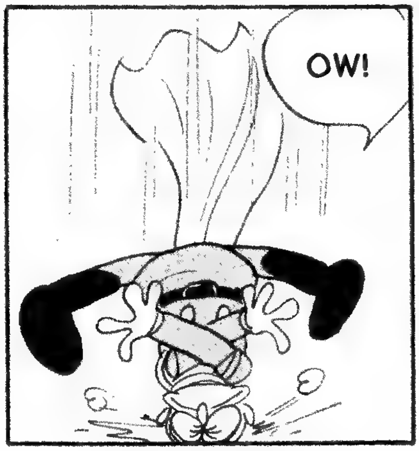
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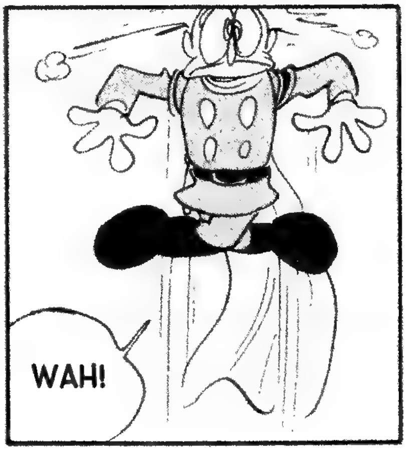
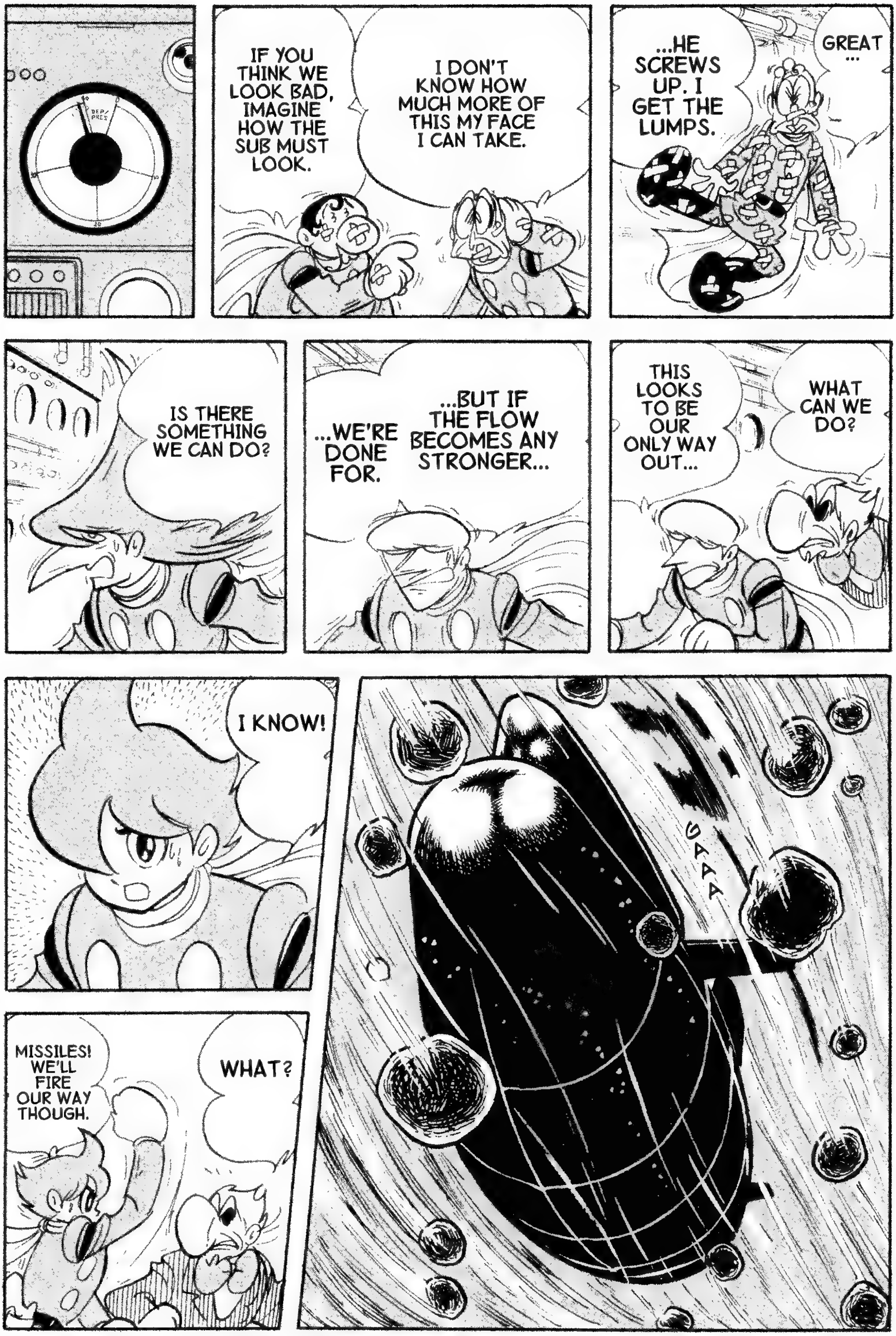
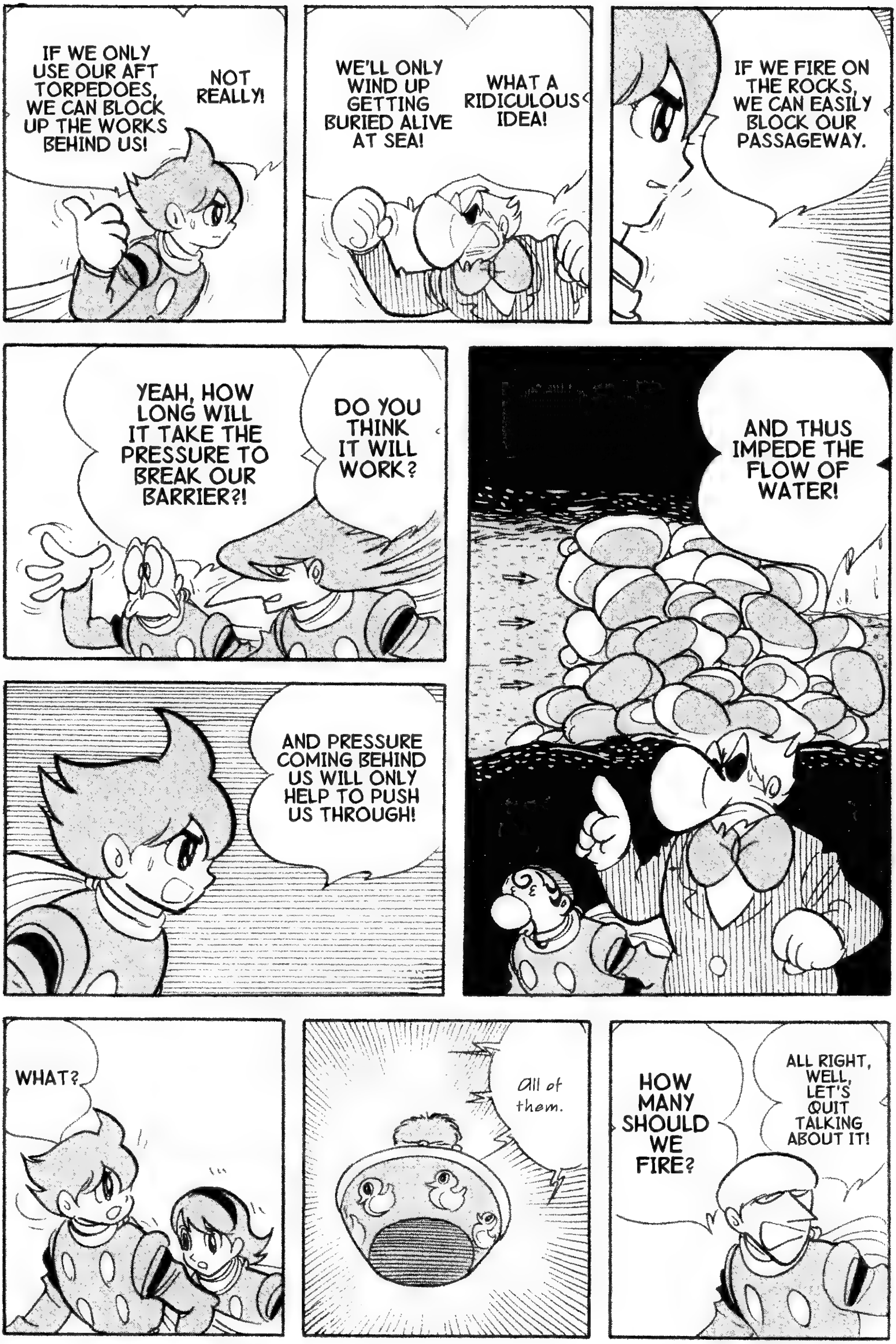
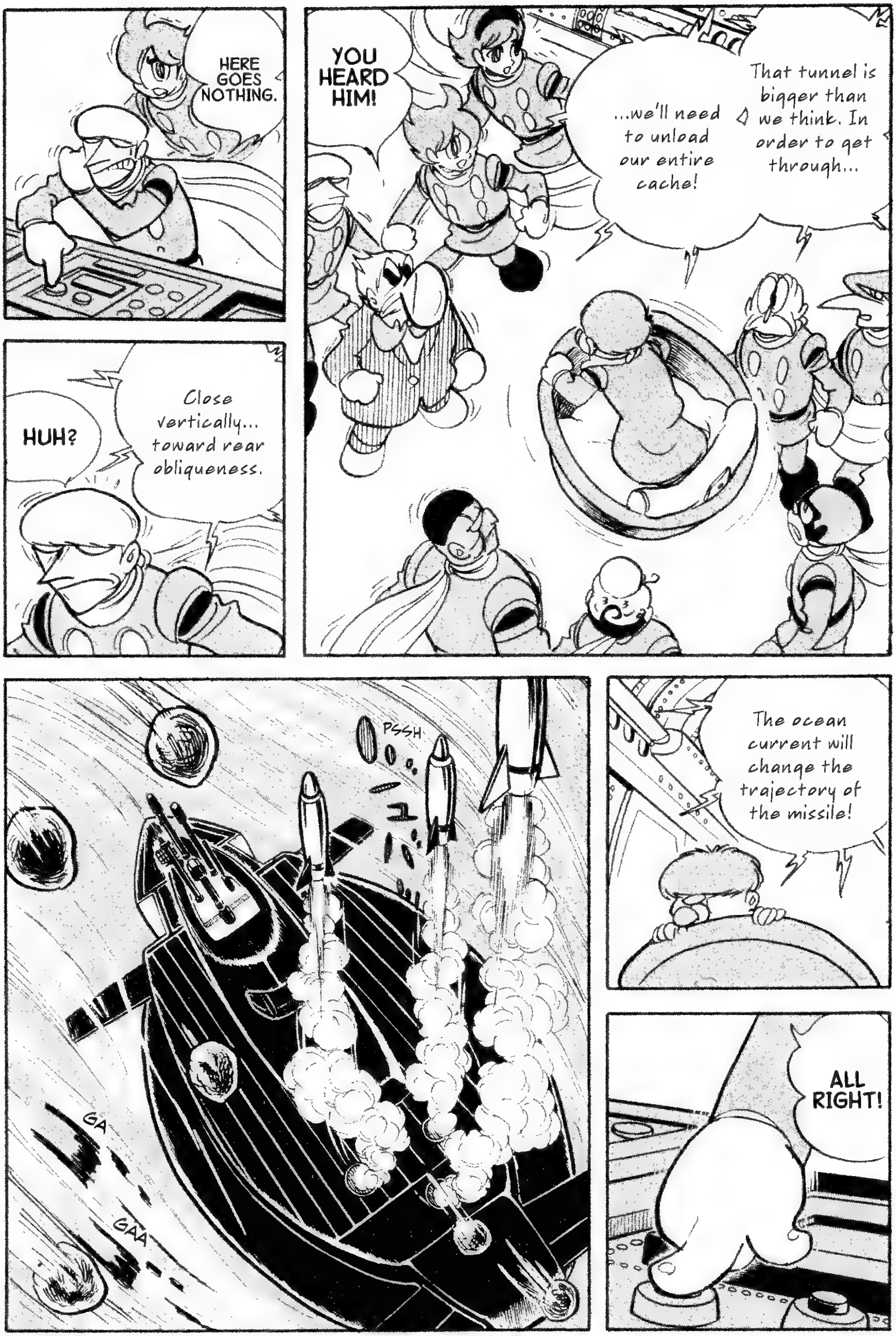
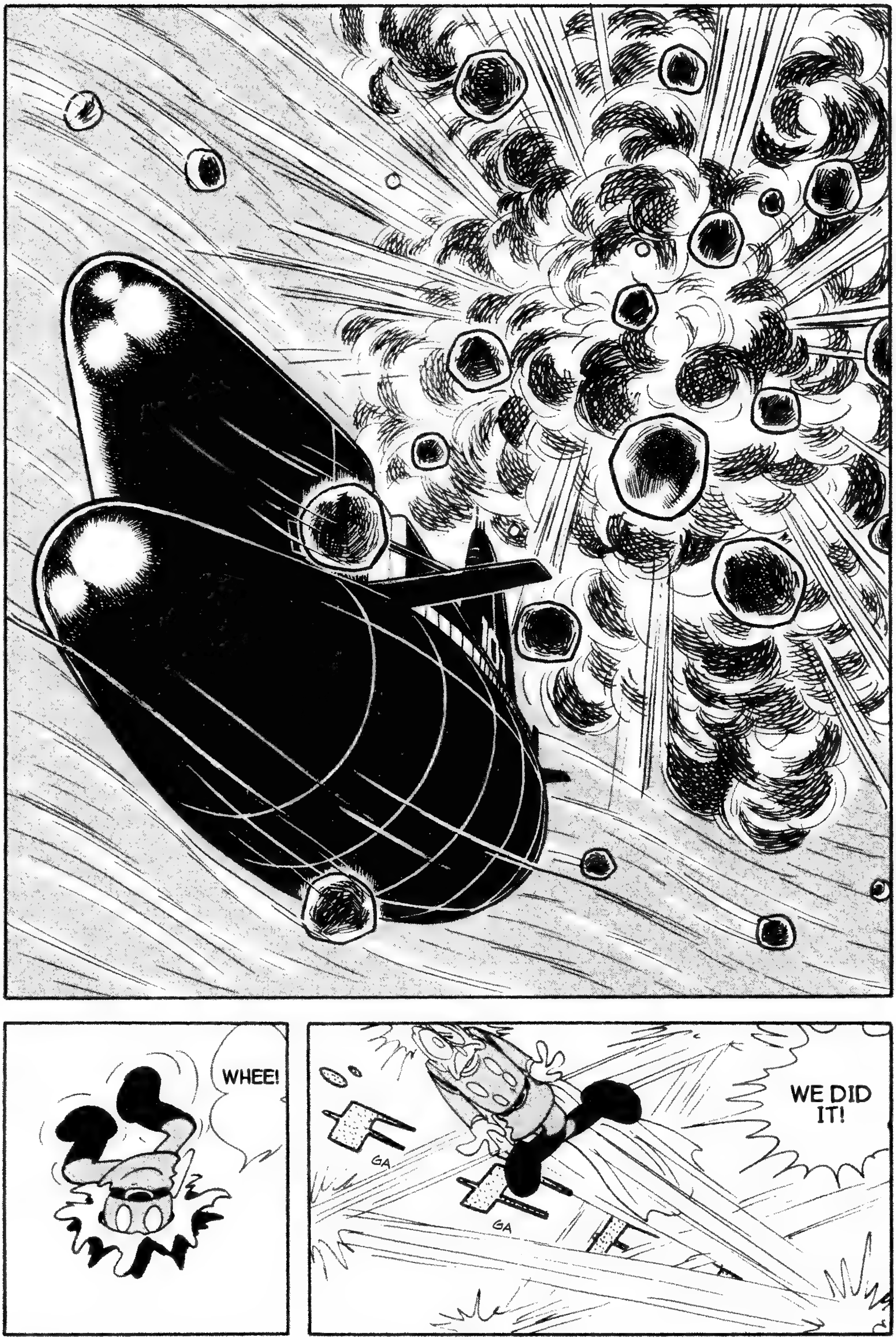
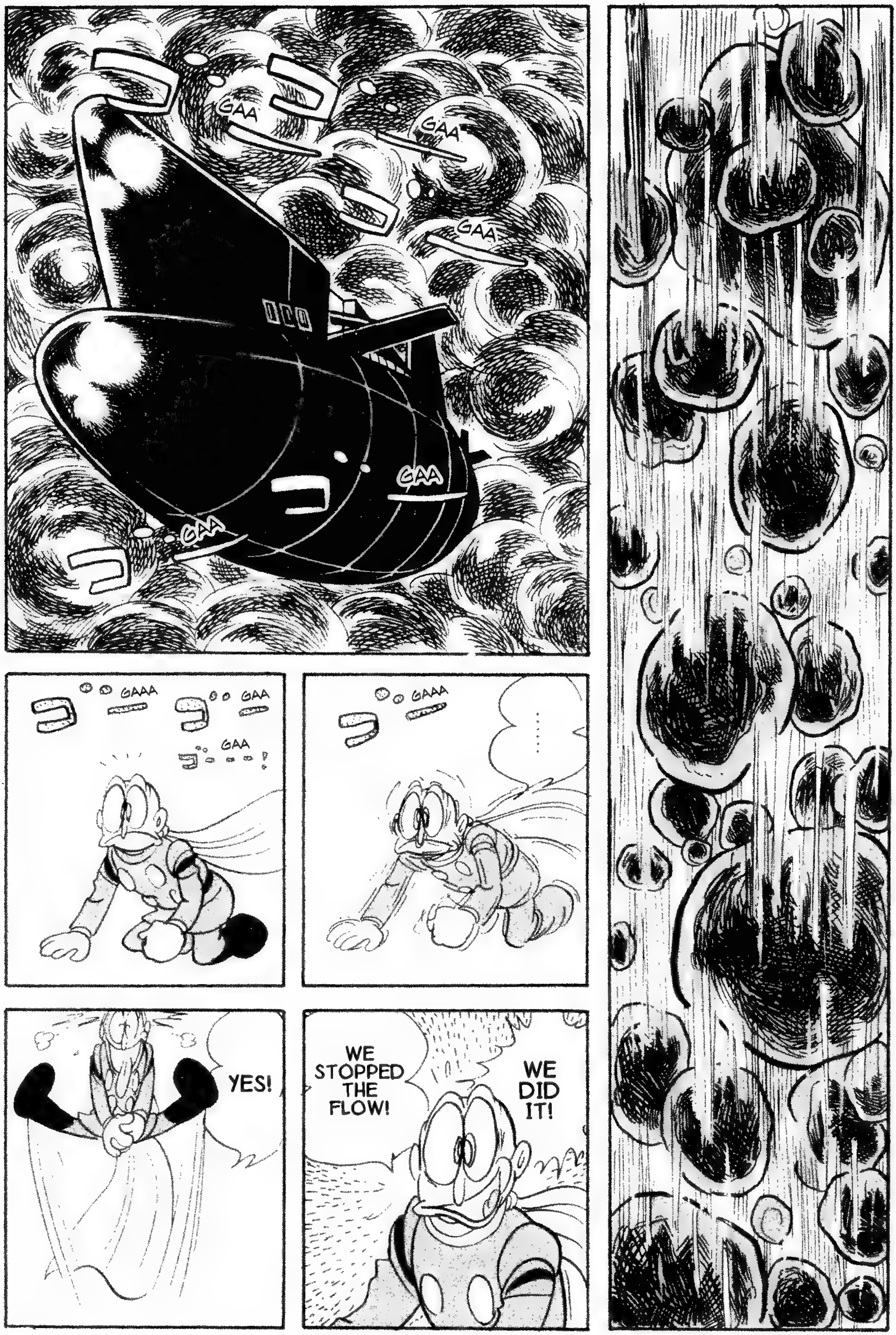

WAH!

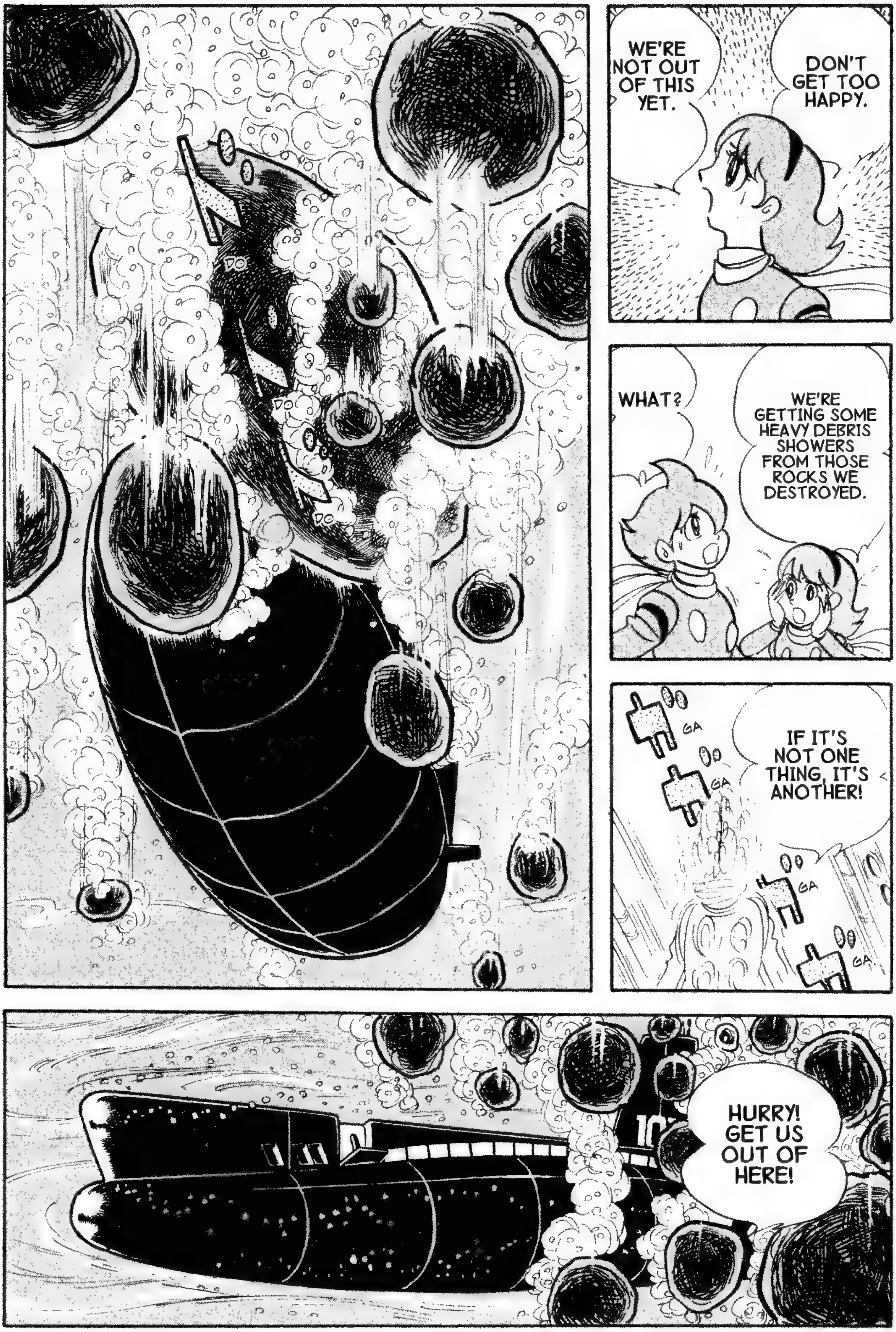

DEP/PRES
I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH MORE OF THIS MY FACE I CAN TAKE.
IF YOU THINK WE LOOK BAD, IMAGINE HOW THE SUB MUST LOOK.
GREAT ...
...HE SCREWS UP. I GET THE LUMPS.
IS THERE SOMETHING WE CAN DO?
...BUT IF THE FLOW BECOMES ANY STRONGER...
...WE'RE DONE FOR.
WHAT CAN WE DO?
THIS LOOKS TO BE OUR ONLY WAY OUT...
I KNOW!
WHAT?
MISSILES! WE'LL FIRE OUR WAY THOUGH.
GAAA

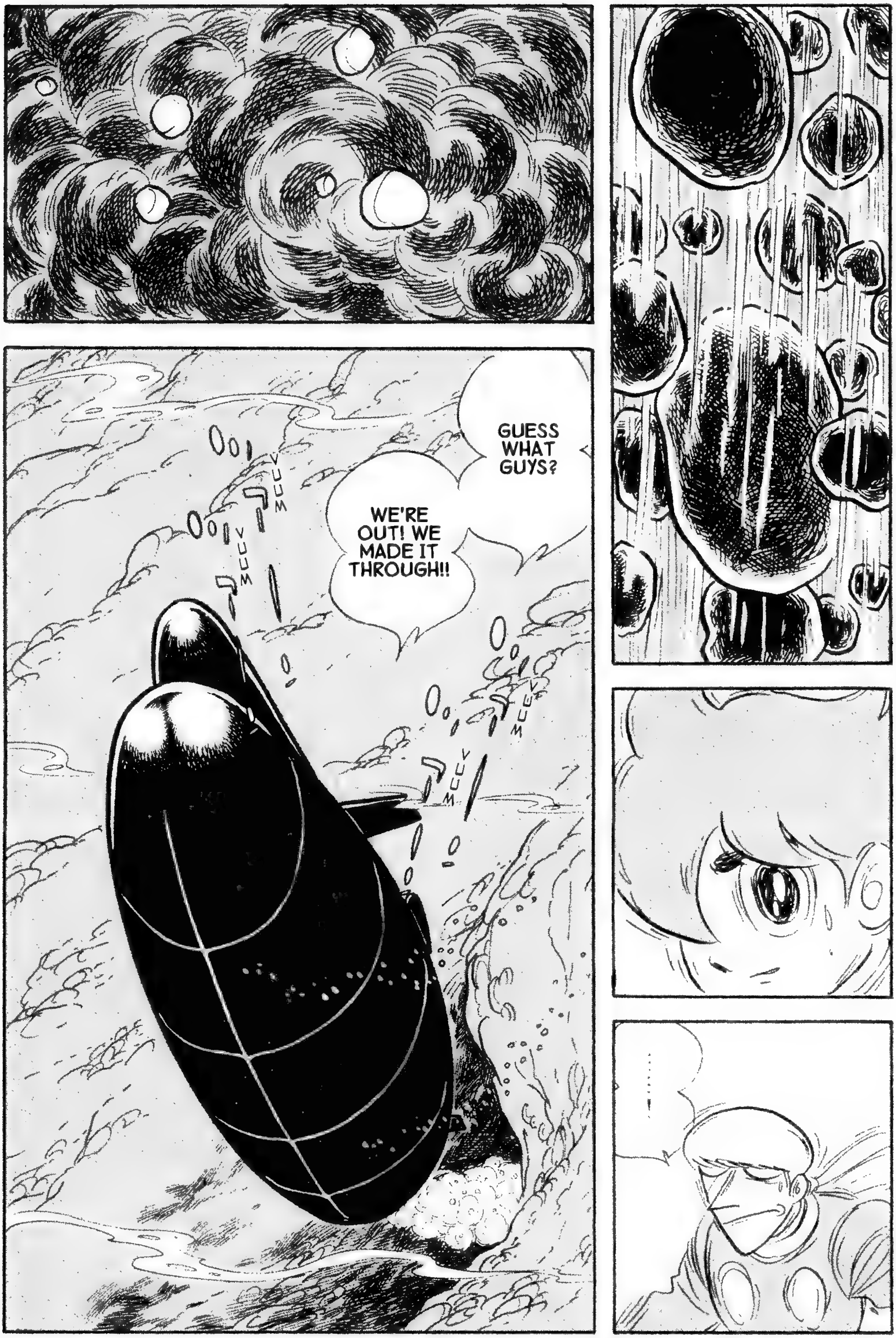

IF WE ONLY USE OUR AFT TORPEDOES, WE CAN BLOCK UP THE WORKS BEHIND US!
NOT REALLY!
WE'LL ONLY WIND UP GETTING BURIED ALIVE AT SEA!
WHAT A RIDICULOUS IDEA!
IF WE FIRE ON THE ROCKS, WE CAN EASILY BLOCK OUR PASSAGEWAY.
YEAH, HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE THE PRESSURE TO BREAK OUR BARRIER?!
DO YOU THINK IT WILL WORK?
AND THUS IMPEDE THE FLOW OF WATER!
AND PRESSURE COMING BEHIND US WILL ONLY HELP TO PUSH US THROUGH!
WHAT?
All of them.
HOW MANY SHOULD WE FIRE?
ALL RIGHT, WELL, LET'S QUIT TALKING ABOUT IT!

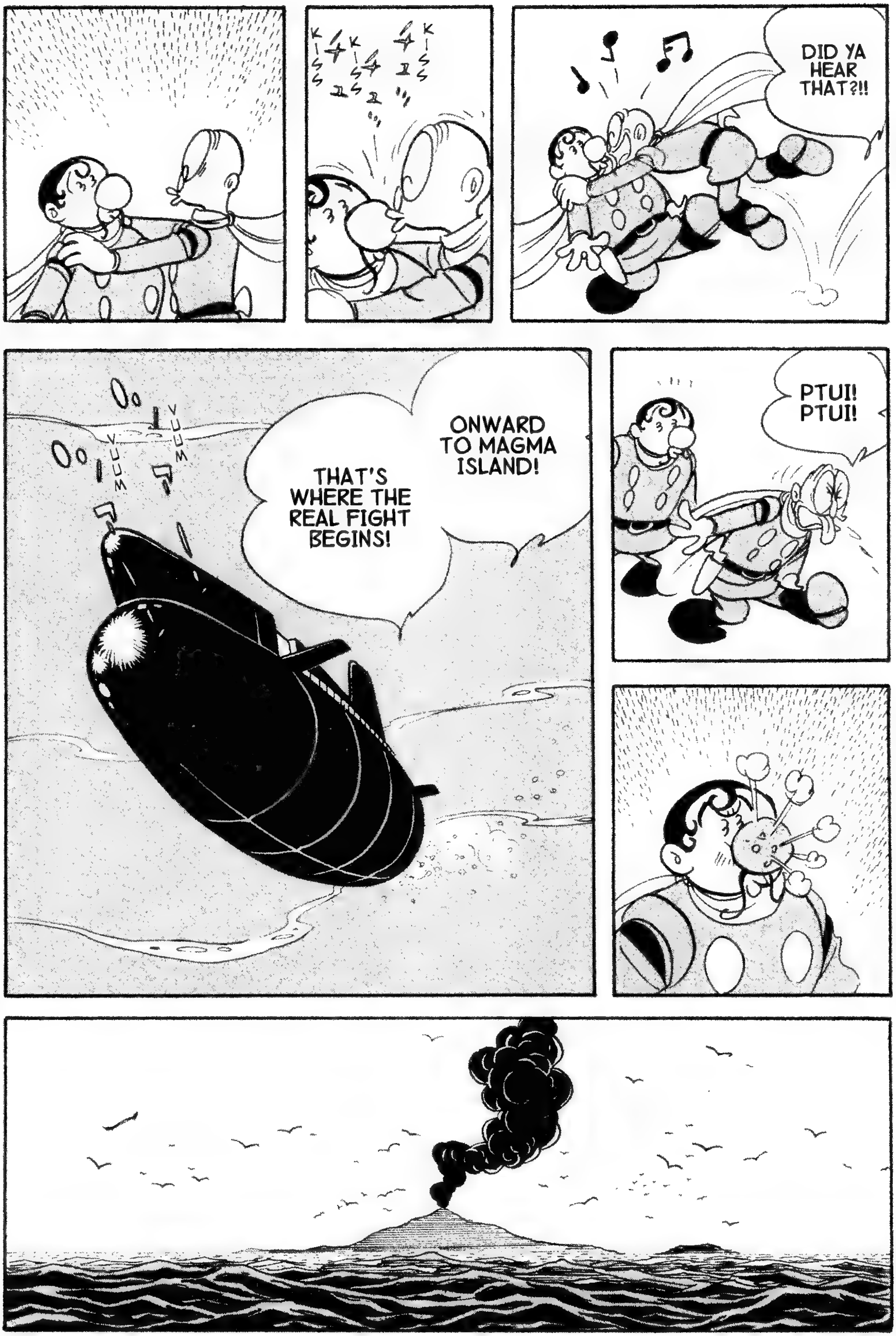

That tunnel is bigger than we think. In order to get through...
...we'll need to unload our entire cache!
YOU HEARD HIM!
HERE GOES NOTHING.
Close vertically... toward rear obliqueness.
HUH?
The ocean current will change the trajectory of the missile!
ALL RIGHT!
PSSH
GA
GAA

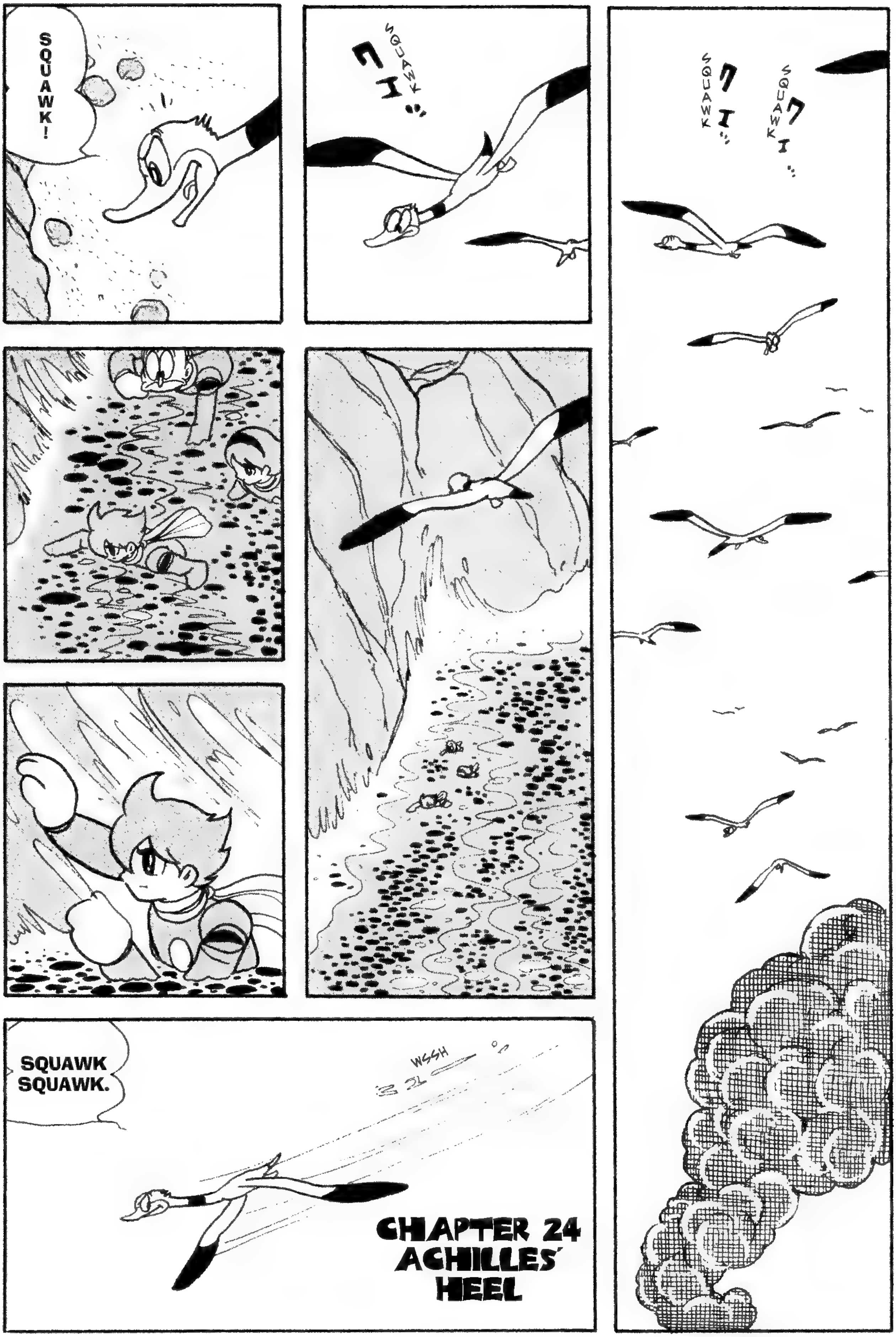

WHEE!
WE DID IT!
GA
GA


GAA
GAA
GAA
GAA
GAA
GAAA
GAA
GAA
GAAA
......
WE DID IT!
WE STOPPED THE FLOW!
YES!


DON'T GET TOO HAPPY.
WE'RE NOT OUT OF THIS YET.
WE'RE GETTING SOME HEAVY DEBRIS SHOWERS FROM THOSE ROCKS WE DESTROYED.
WHAT?
IF IT'S NOT ONE THING, IT'S ANOTHER!
GA
GA
GA
GA
DO
DO
DO
HURRY! GET US OUT OF HERE!


GUESS WHAT GUYS?
WE'RE OUT! WE MADE IT THROUGH!!
VUUM
VUUM
VUUM
VUUM
......


KISS KISS KISS KISS
DID YA HEAR THAT?!!
VUUM VUUM
ONWARD TO MAGMA ISLAND!
THAT'S WHERE THE REAL FIGHT BEGINS!
PTUI! PTUI!


SQUAWK
SQUAWK
SQUAWK
SQUAWK!
SQUAWK SQUAWK.
WSSH

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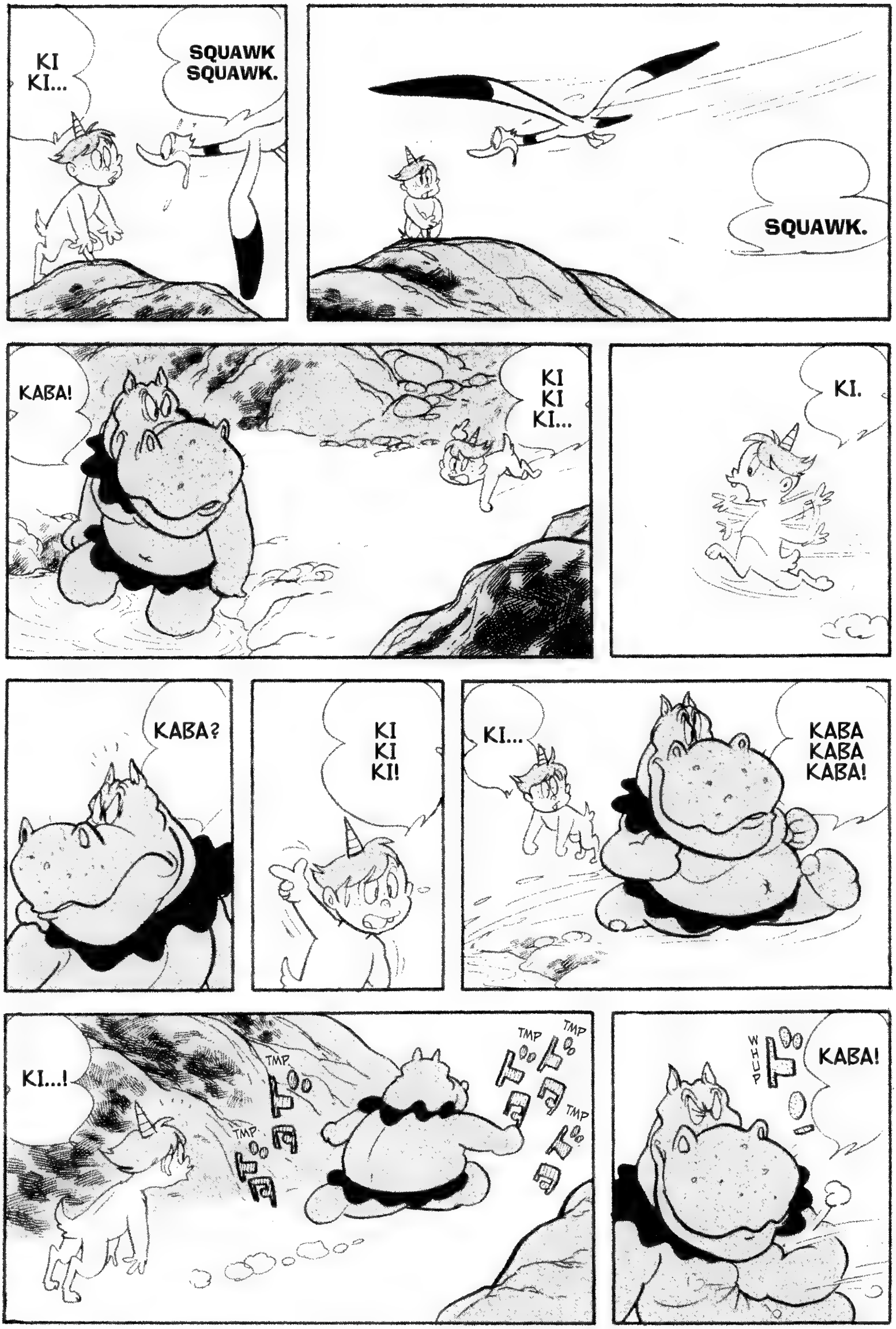
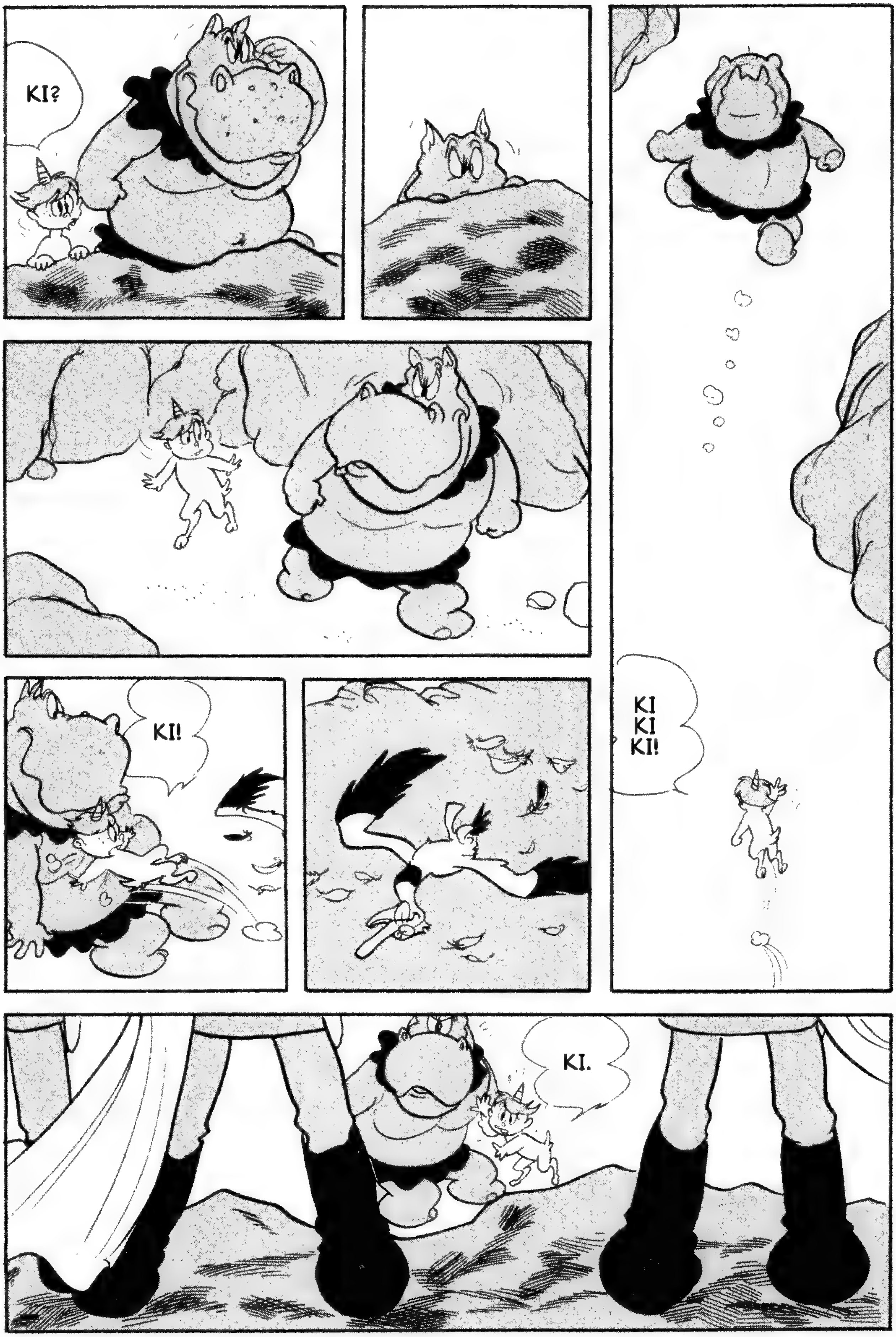
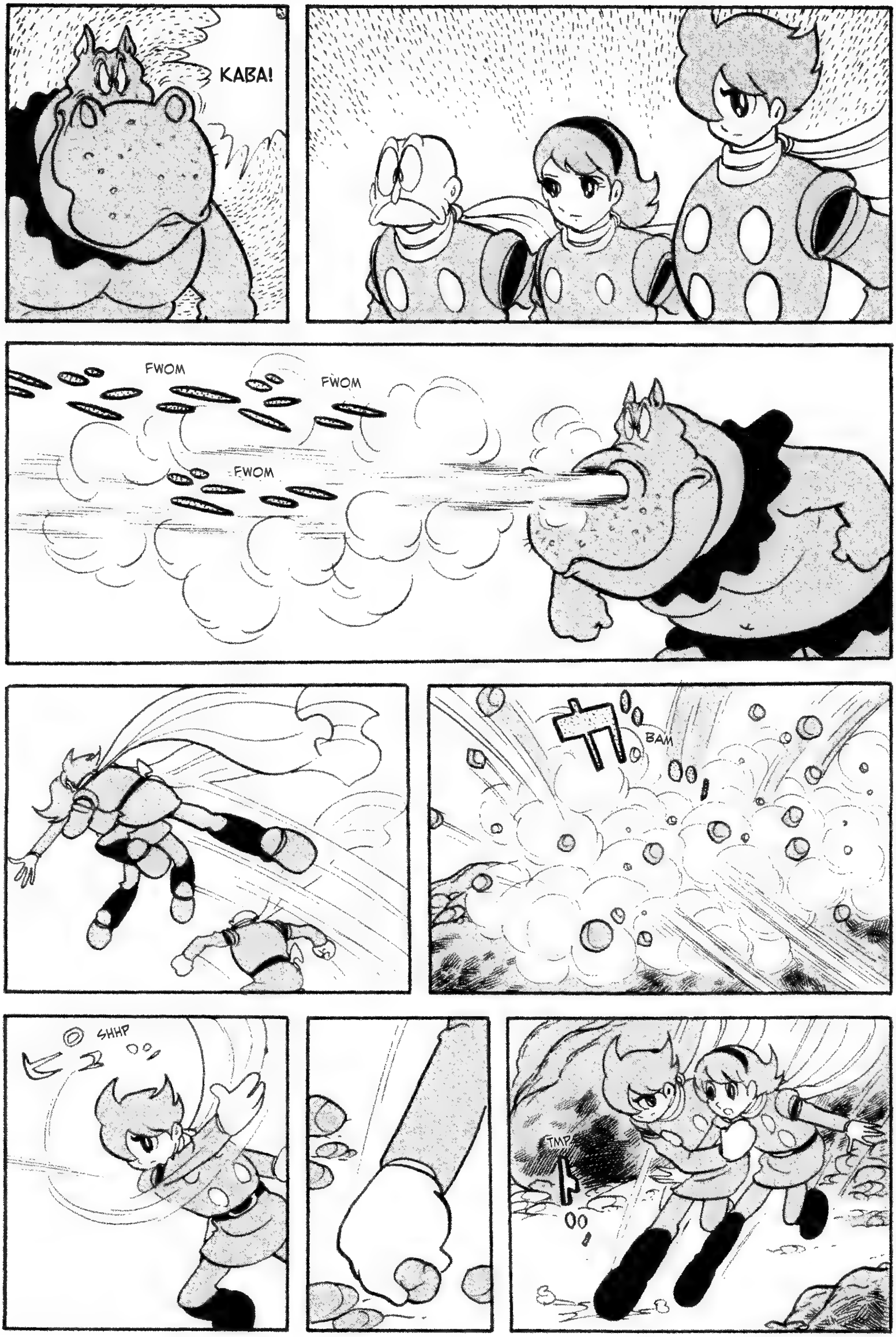
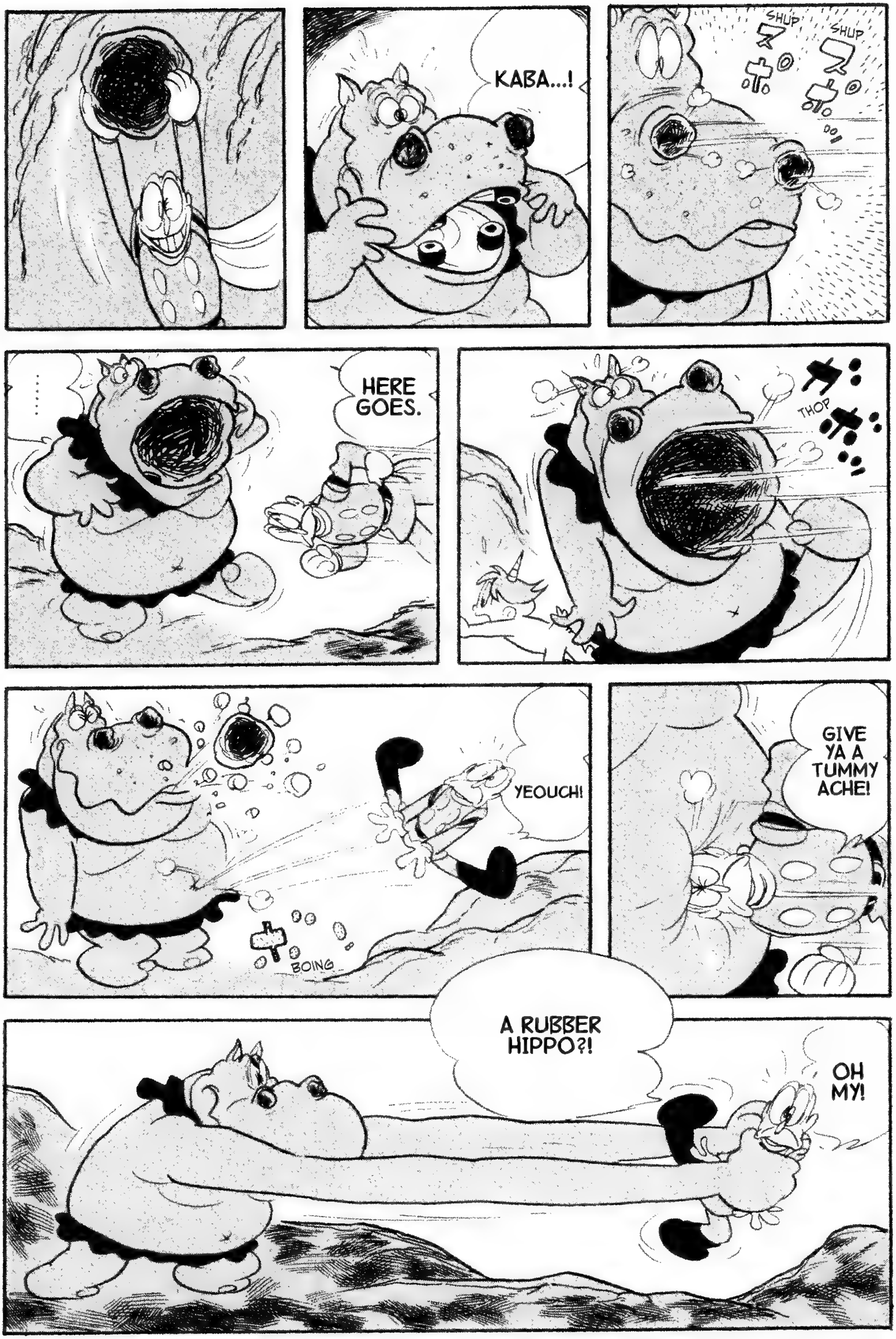
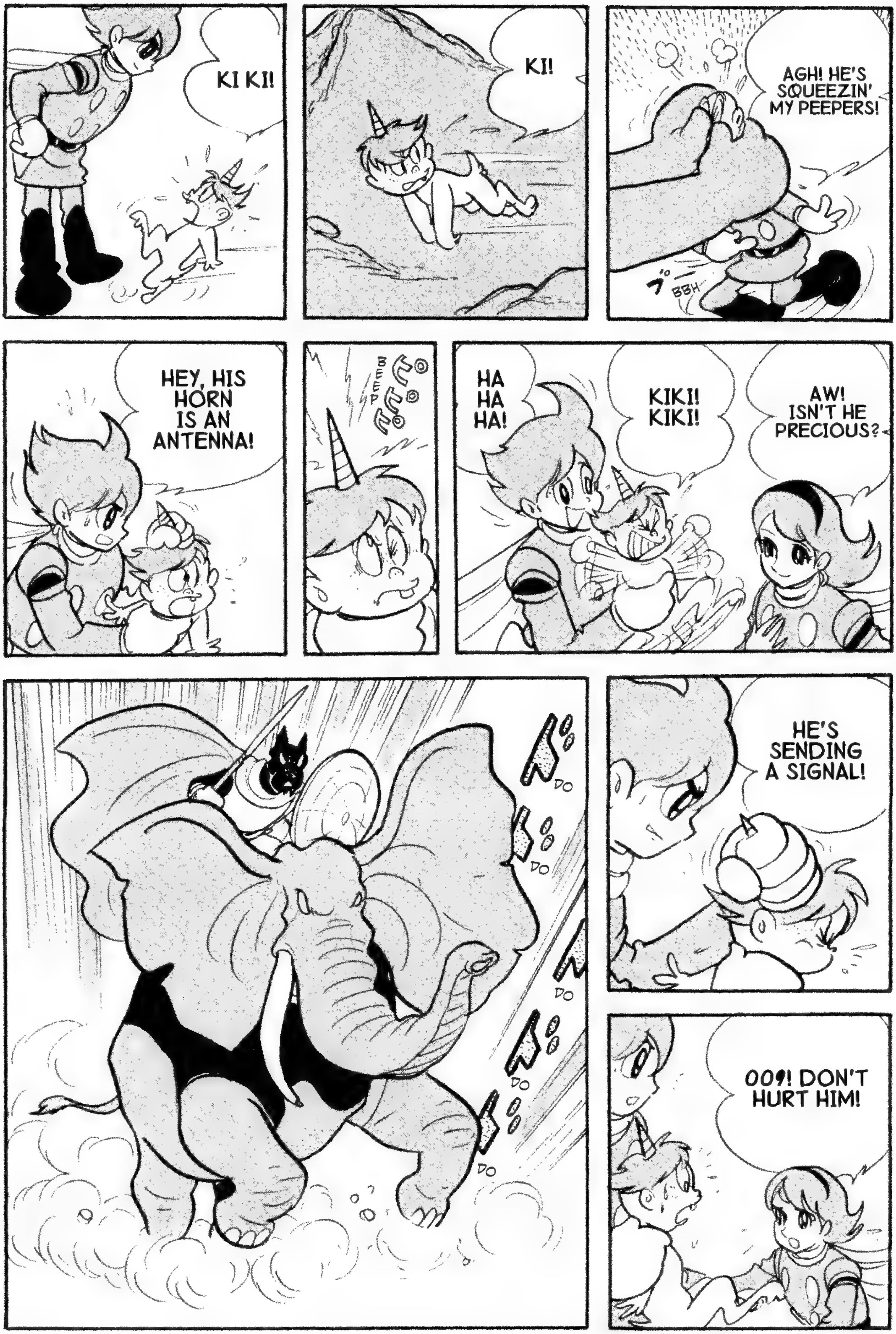
ACHILLES' HEEL

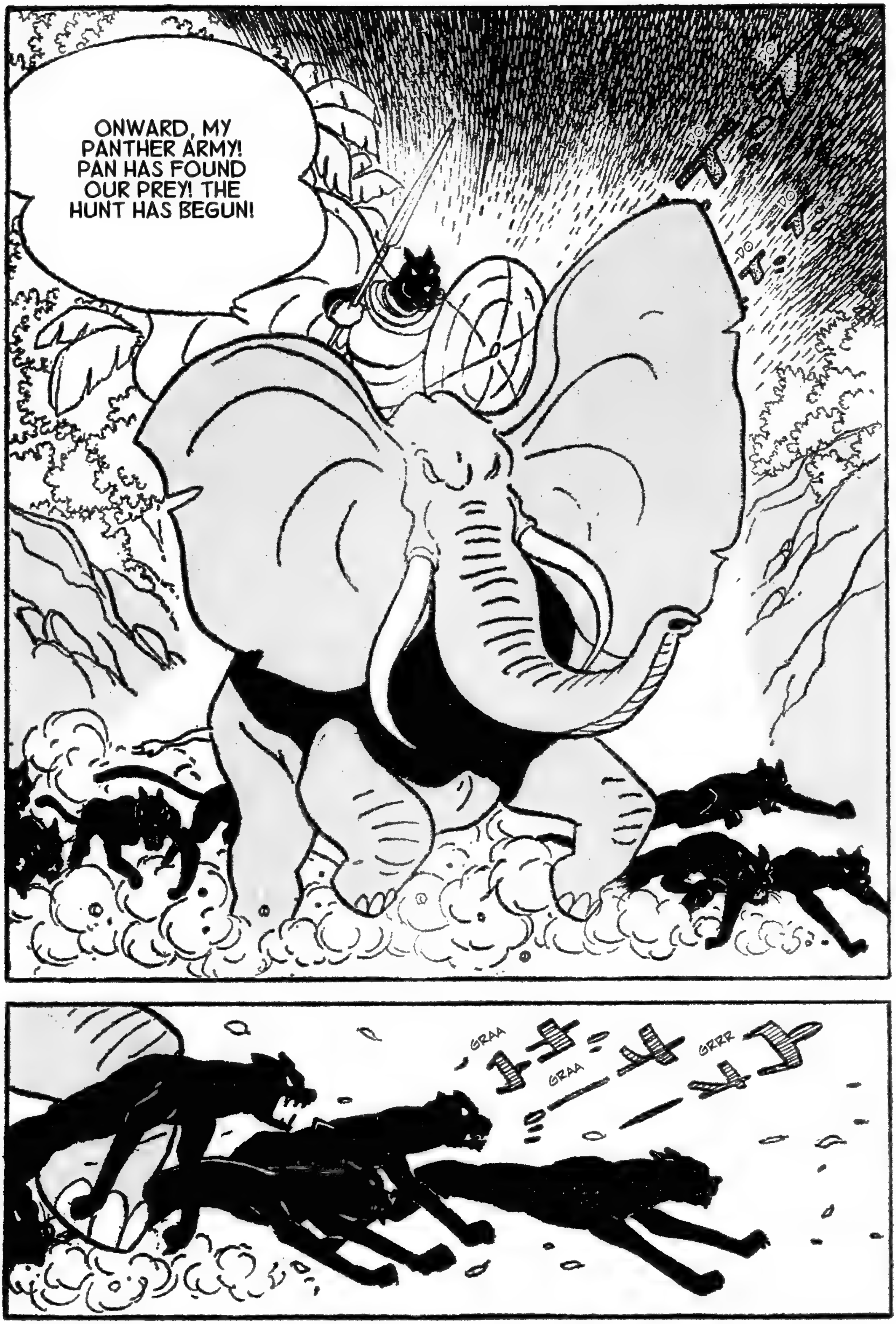

KI KI...
SQUAWK SQUAWK.
SQUAWK.
KABA!
KI KI KI...
KI.
KABA?
KI KI KI!
KI...
KABA KABA KABA!
KI...!
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
WHUP
KABA!

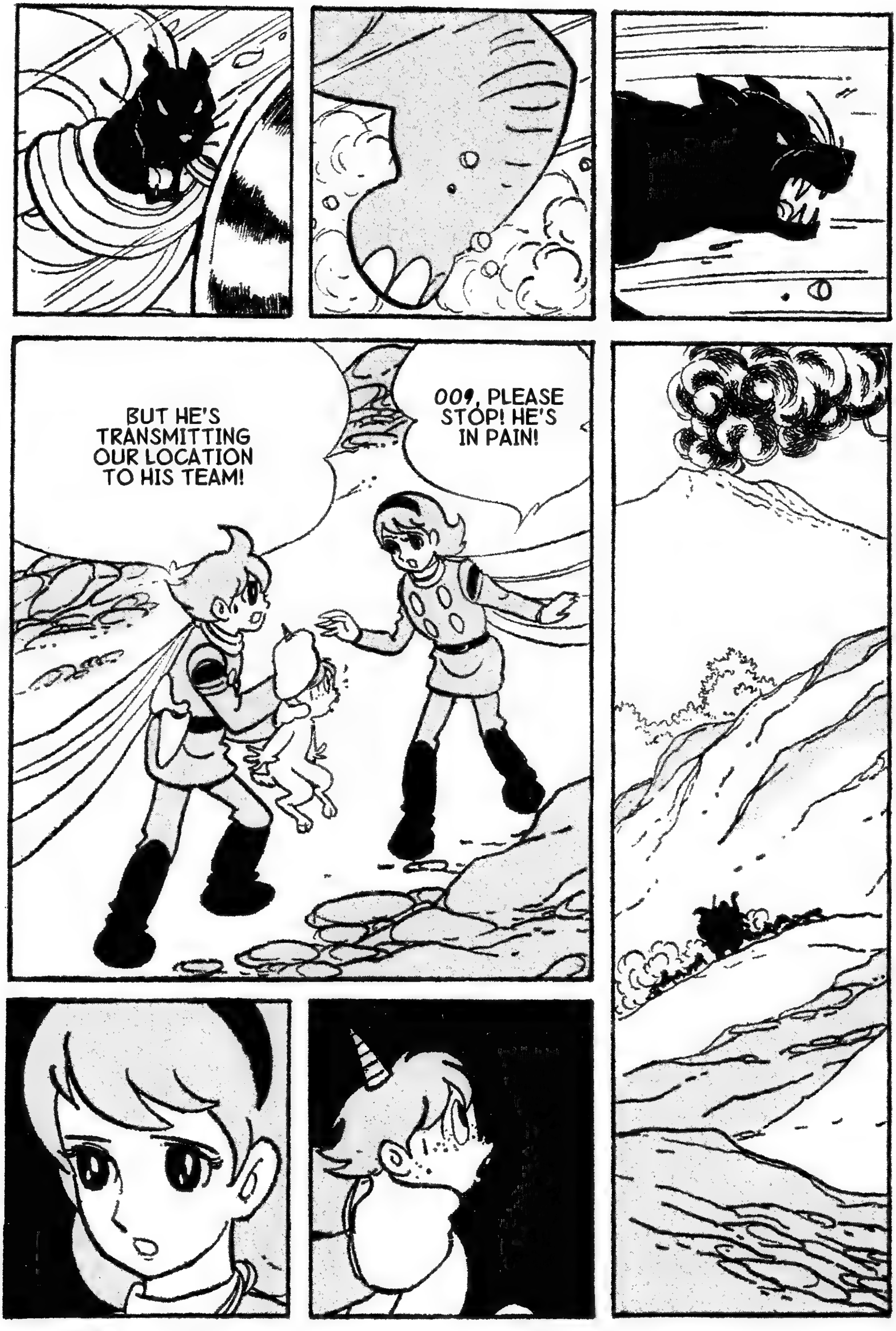

KI?
KI!
KI KI KI!
KI.

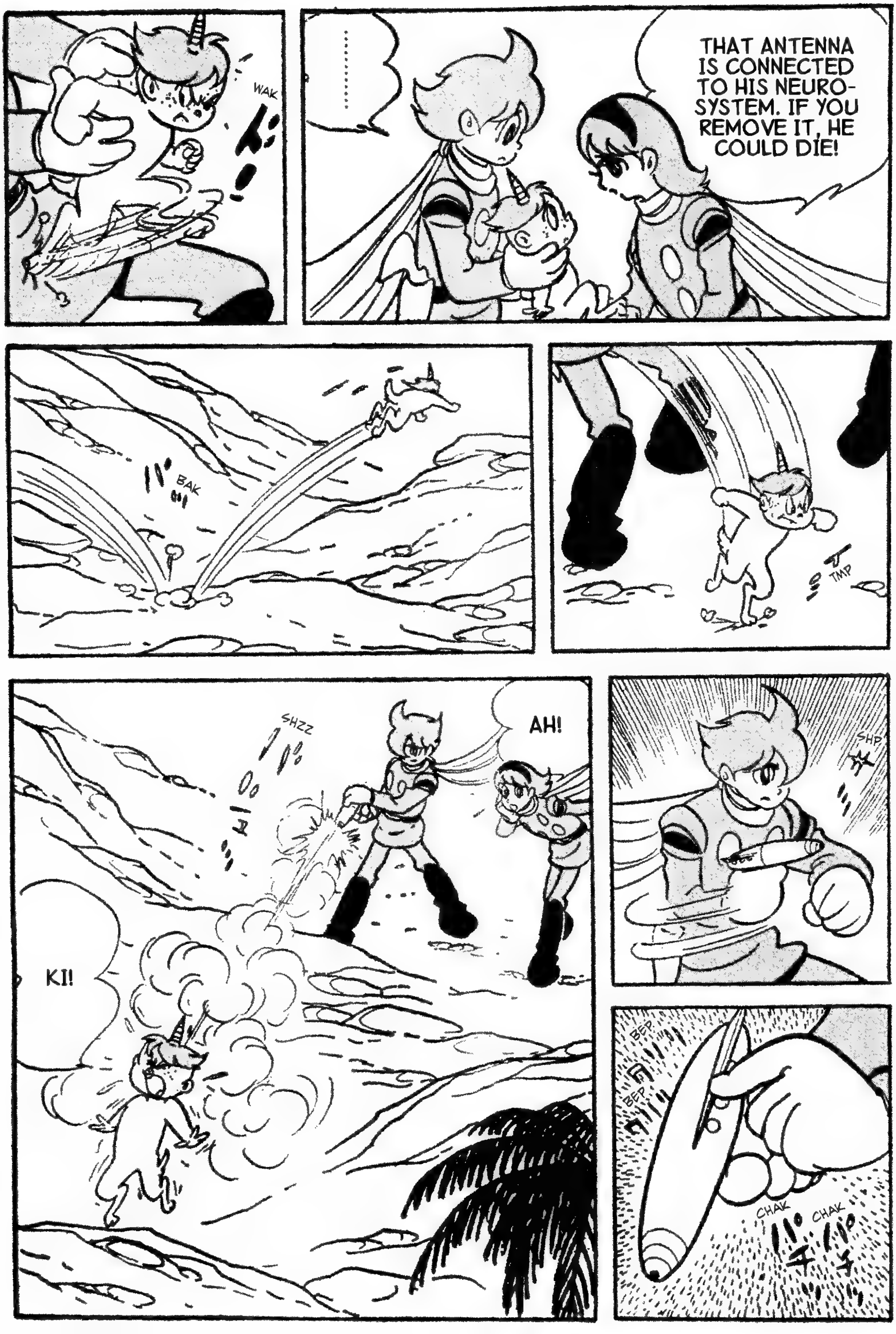

KABA!
FWOM
FWOM
FWOM
BAM
SHHP
TMP

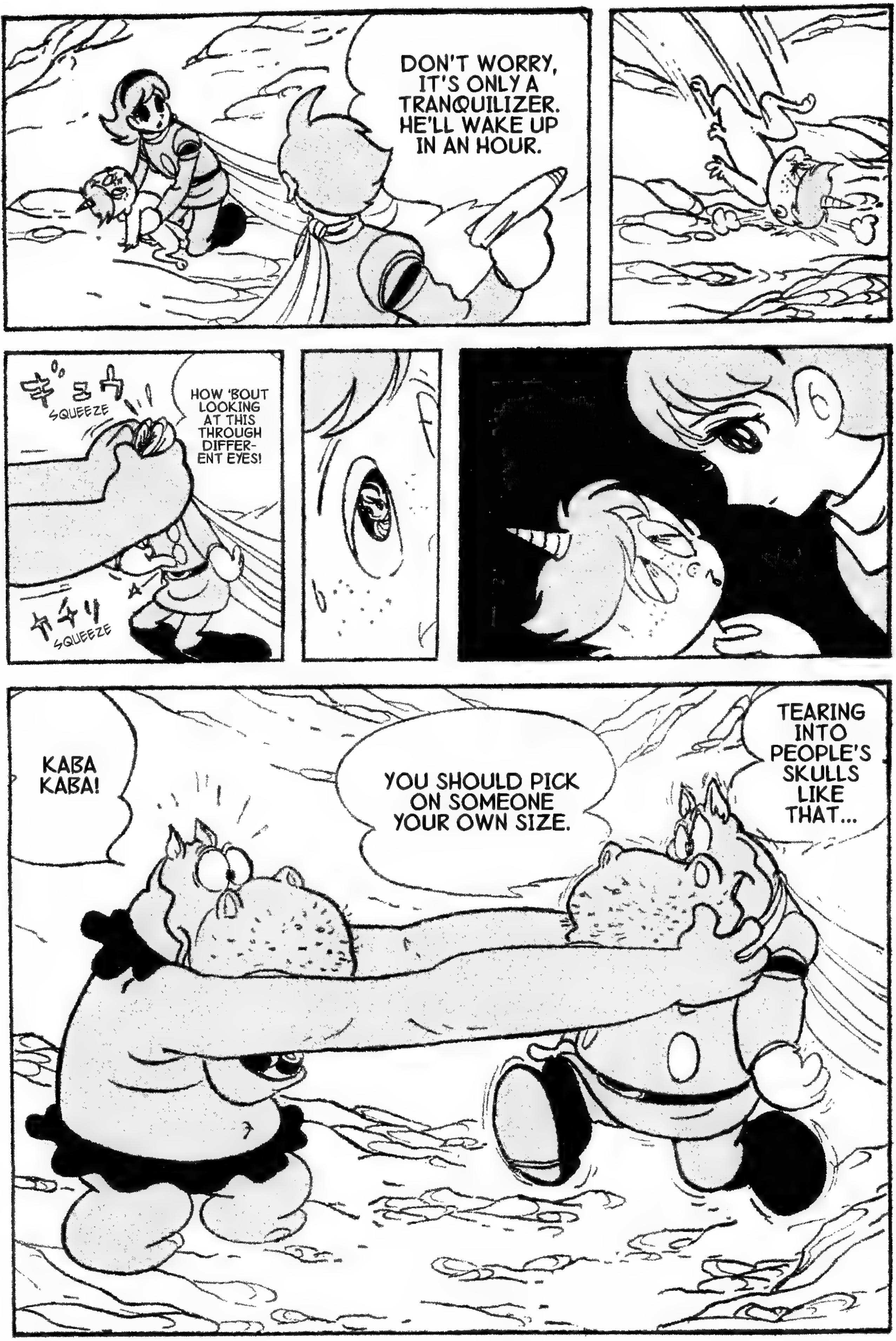

KABA...!
SHUP
SHUP
......
HERE GOES.
THOP
YEOUCH!
BOING
GIVE YA A TUMMY ACHE!
A RUBBER HIPPO?!
OH MY!

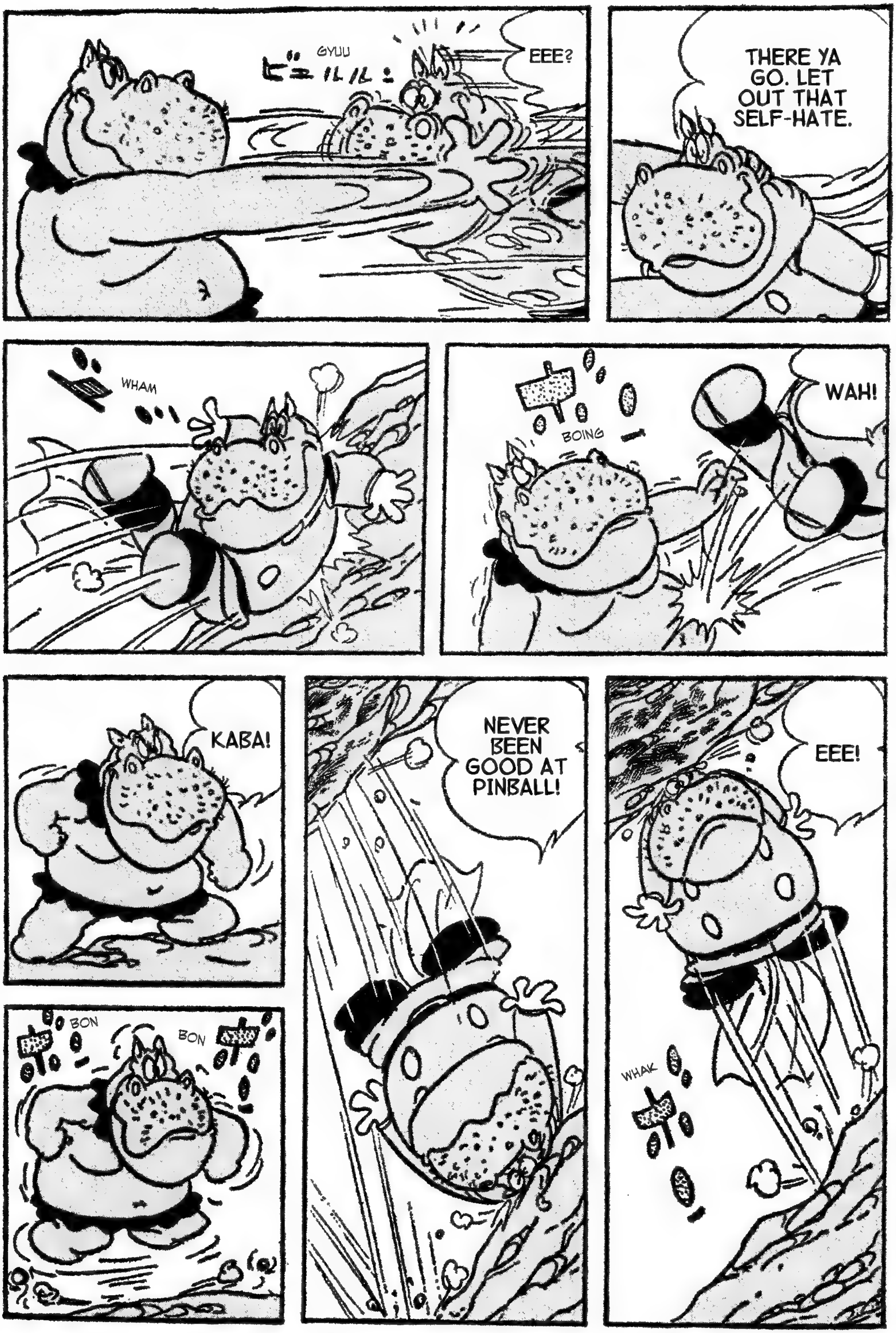

KI KI!
KI!
AGH! HE'S SQUEEZIN' MY PEEPERS!
BBH
HEY, HIS HORN IS AN ANTENNA!
BEEP
HA HA HA!
KIKI! KIKI!
AW! ISN'T HE PRECIOUS?
DO
DO
DO
DO
DO
HE'S SENDING A SIGNAL!
009! DON'T HURT HIM!

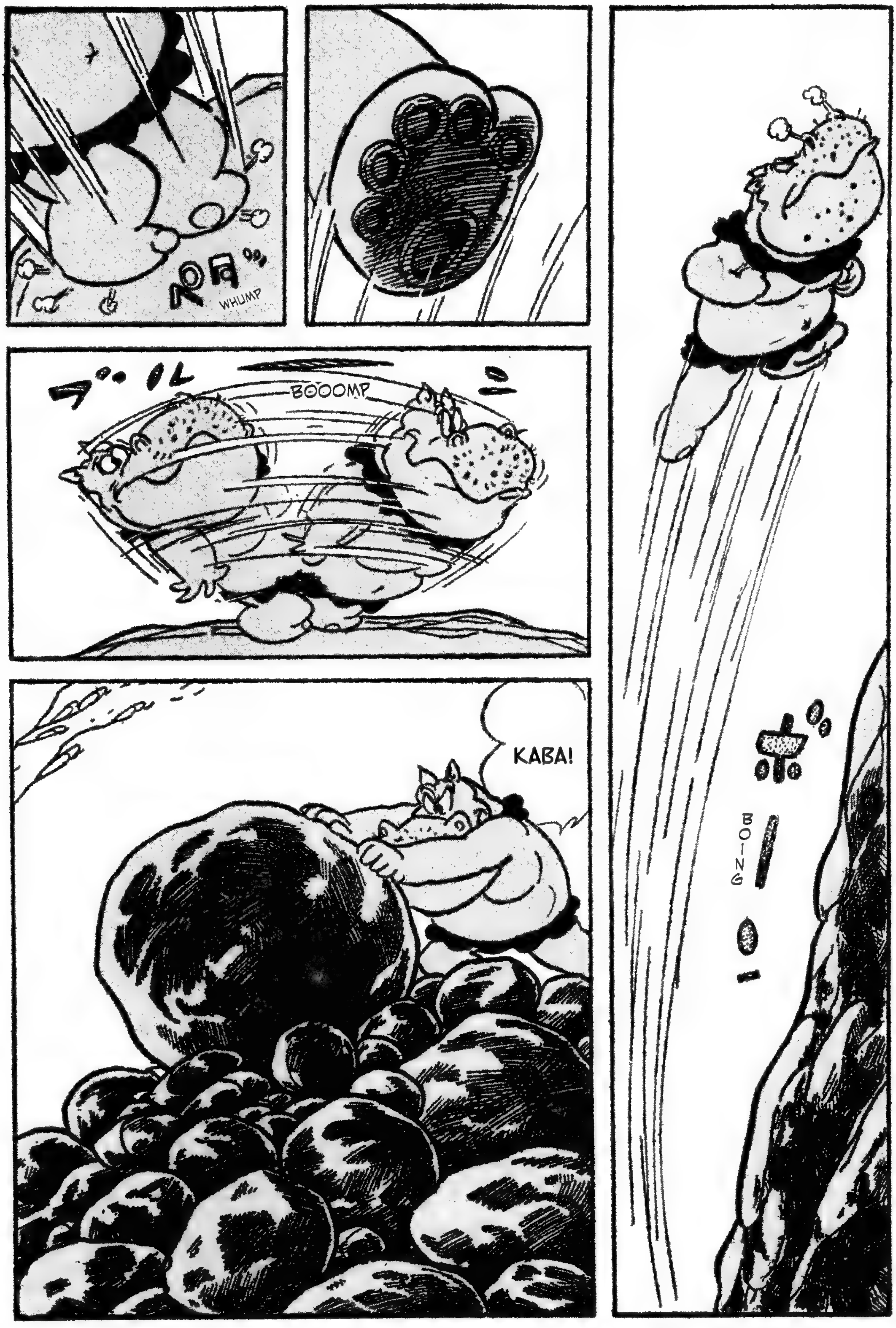

ONWARD, MY PANTHER ARMY! PAN HAS FOUND OUR PREY! THE HUNT HAS BEGUN!
DO
DO
DO
DO
GRAA
GRAA
GRRR

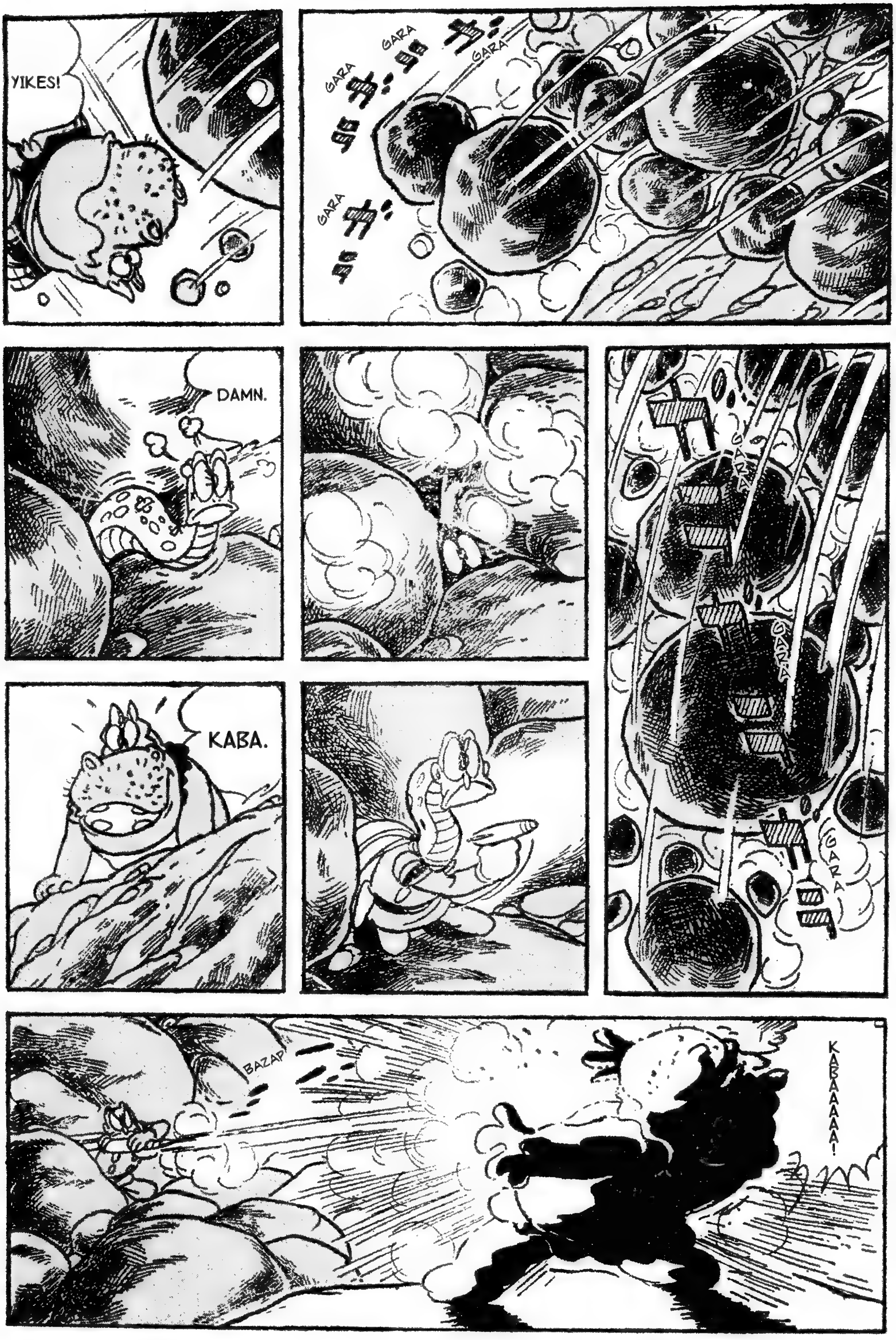

009, PLEASE STOP! HE'S IN PAIN!
BUT HE'S TRANSMITTING OUR LOCATION TO HIS TEAM!

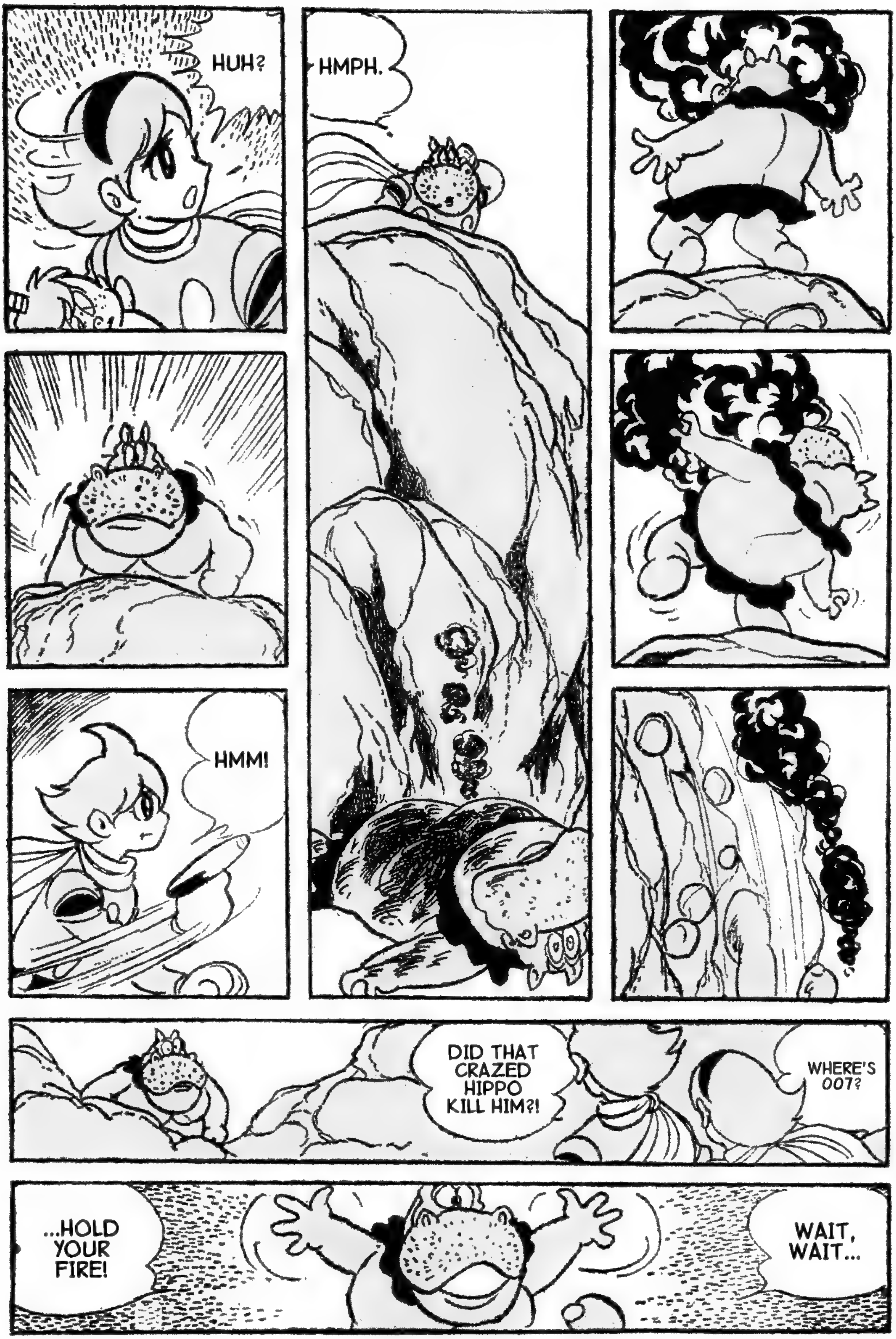

WAK
......
THAT ANTENNA IS CONNECTED TO HIS NEURO-SYSTEM. IF YOU REMOVE IT, HE COULD DIE!
BAK
TMP
SHZZ
AH!
KI!
SHP
BEP
BEP
CHAK
CHAK

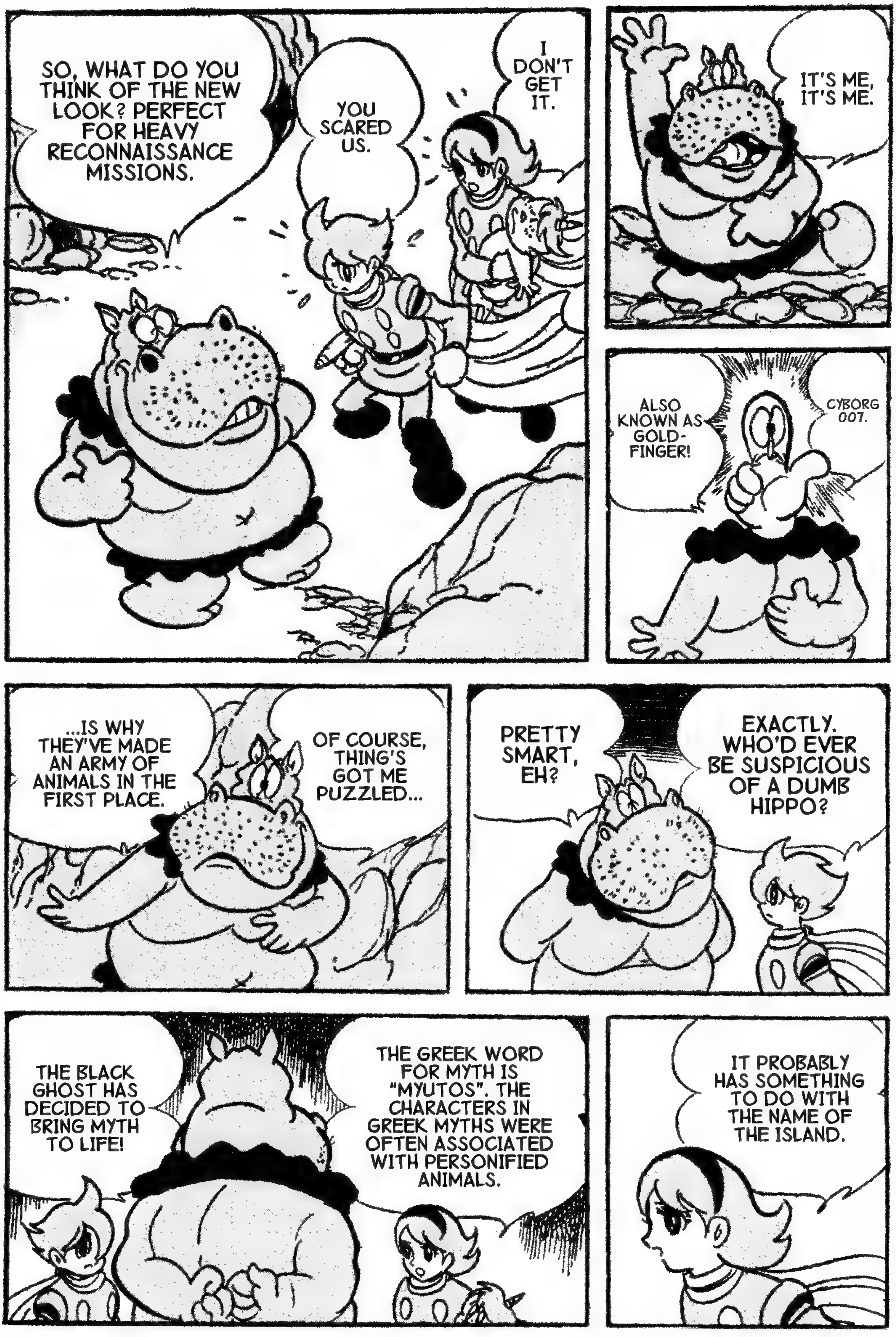

DON'T WORRY, IT'S ONLY A TRANQUILIZER. HE'LL WAKE UP IN AN HOUR.
ギュウ
SQUEEZE
HOW 'BOUT LOOKING AT THIS THROUGH DIFFERENT EYES!
ケチリ
SQUEEZE
TEARING INTO PEOPLE'S SKULLS LIKE THAT...
YOU SHOULD PICK ON SOMEONE YOUR OWN SIZE.
KABA KABA!

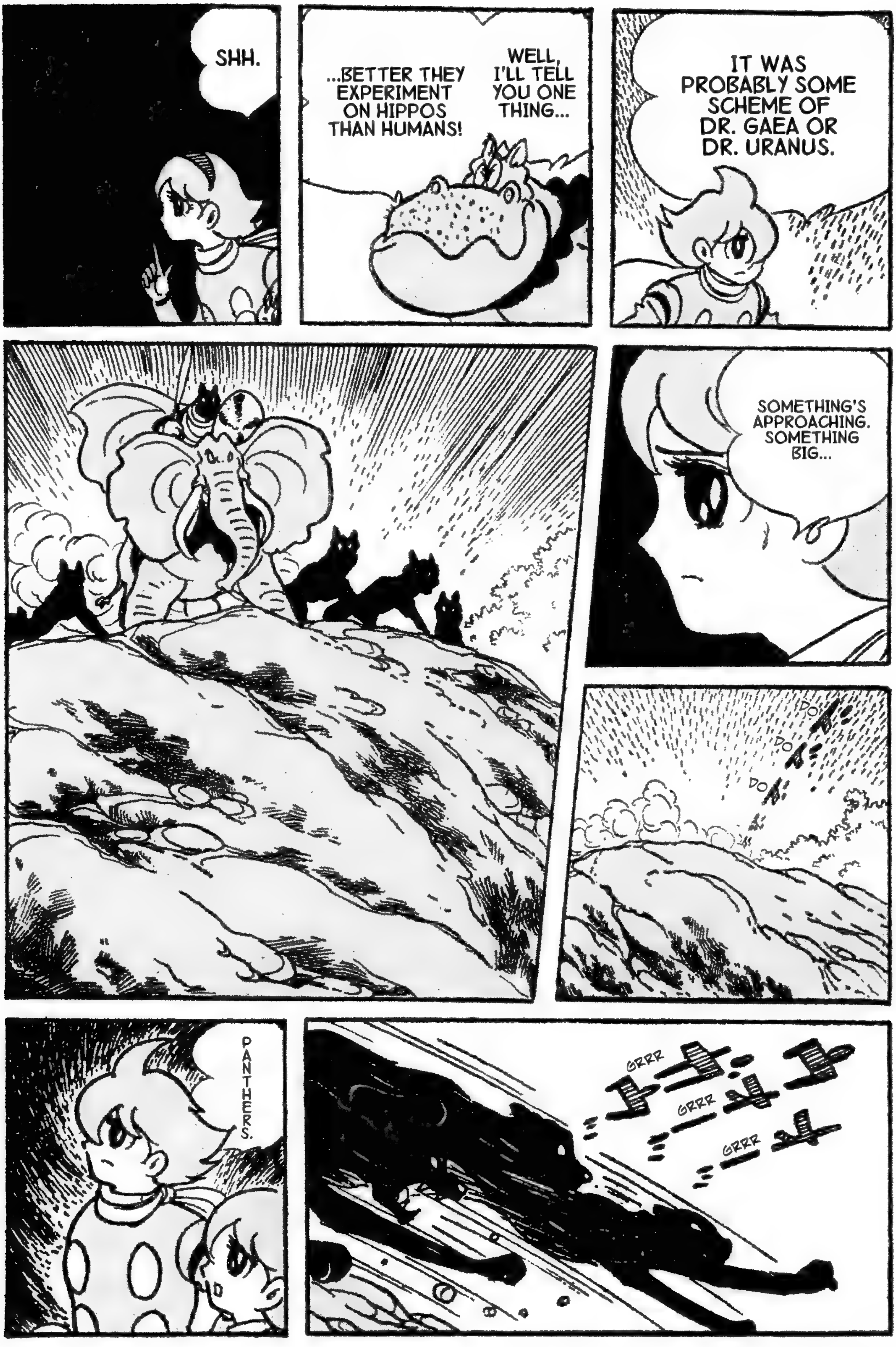

GYUU
ビュルル！
EEE?
THERE YA GO. LET OUT THAT SELF-HATE.
WHAM
BOING
WAH!
KABA!
BON
BON
NEVER BEEN GOOD AT PINBALL!
EEE!
WHAK

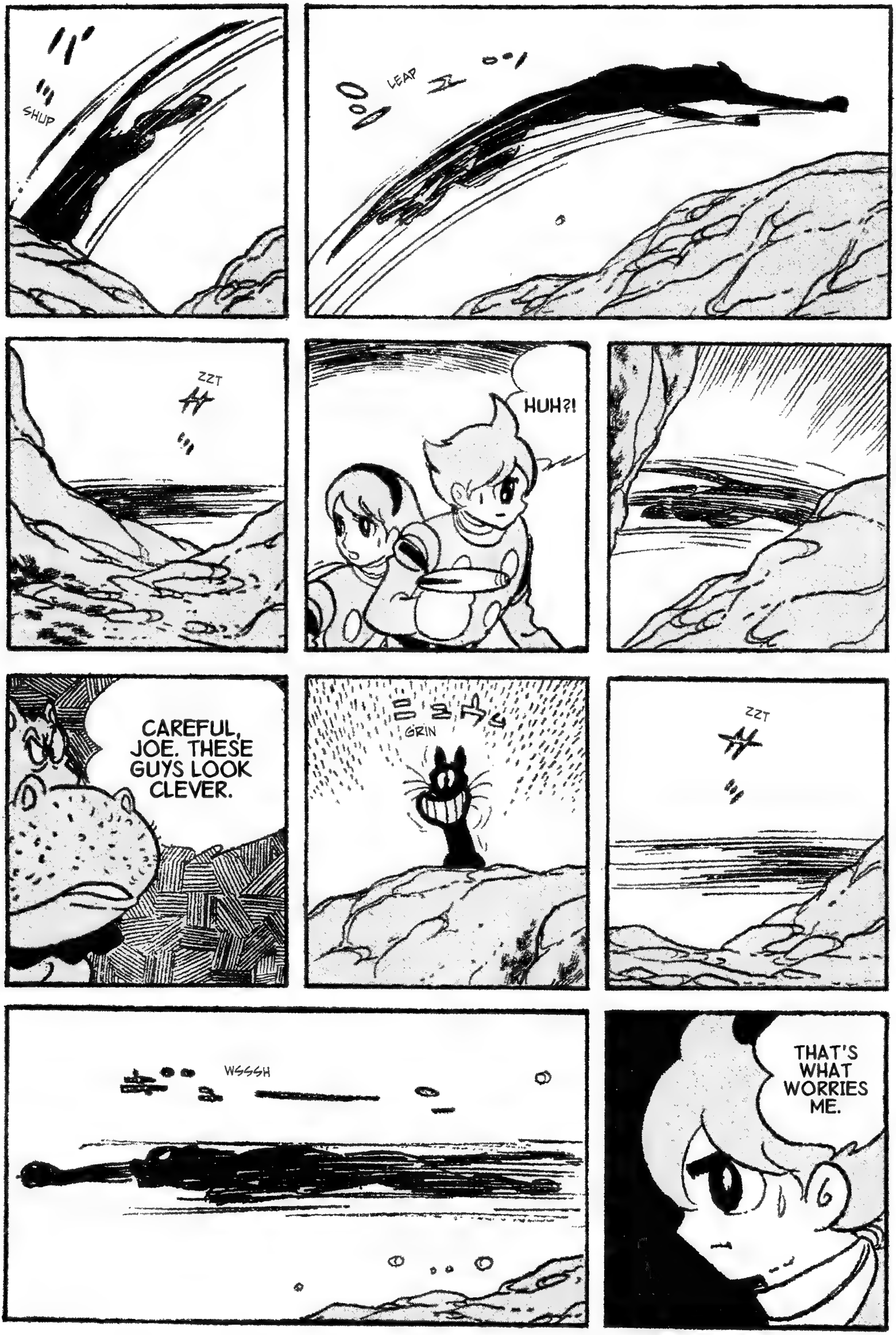

WHUMP
BOOOMP
KABA!
BOING

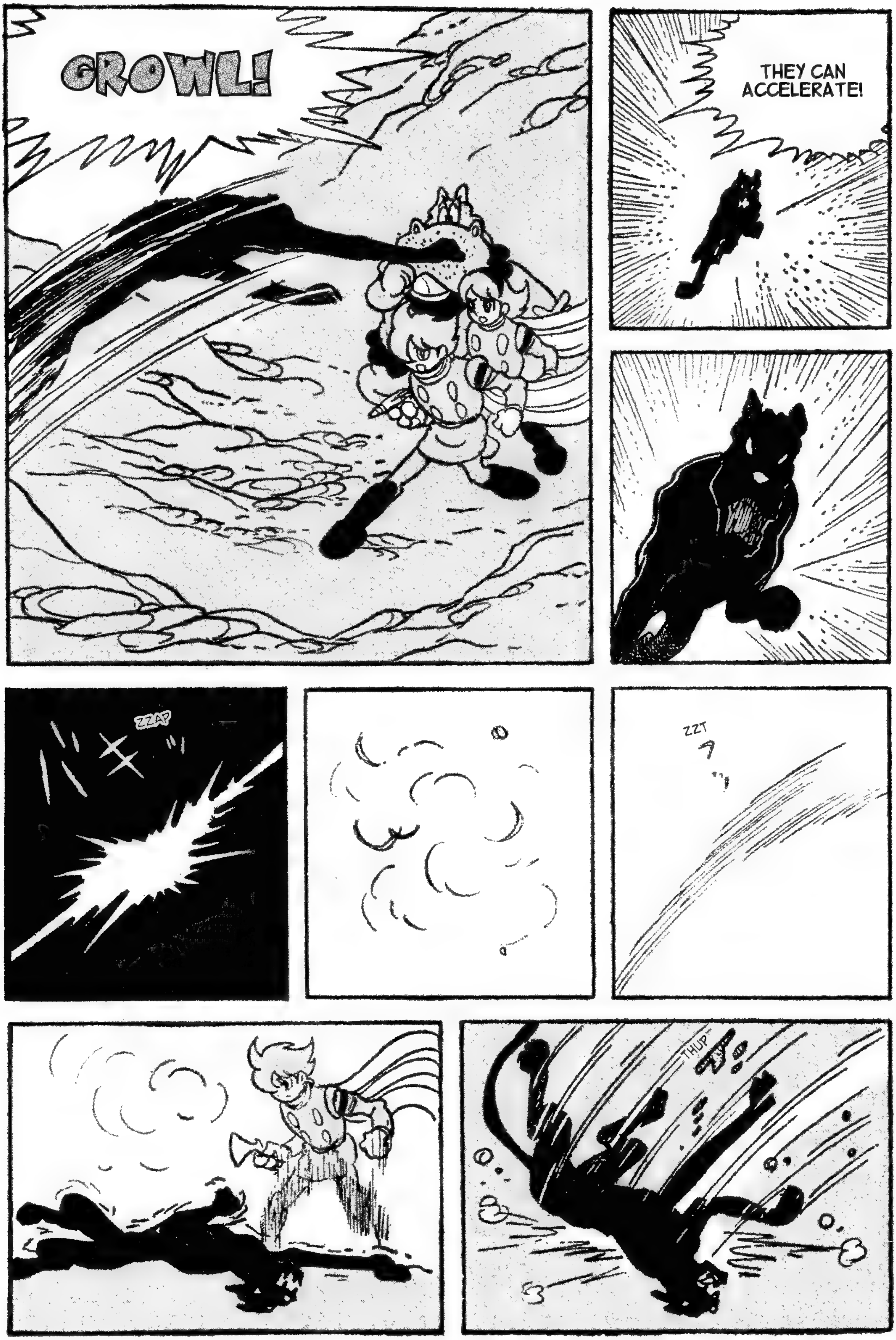

YIKES!
GARA
GARA
GARA
GARA
DAMN.
GARA
GARA
GARA
KABA.
BAZAP
KABAAAAA!

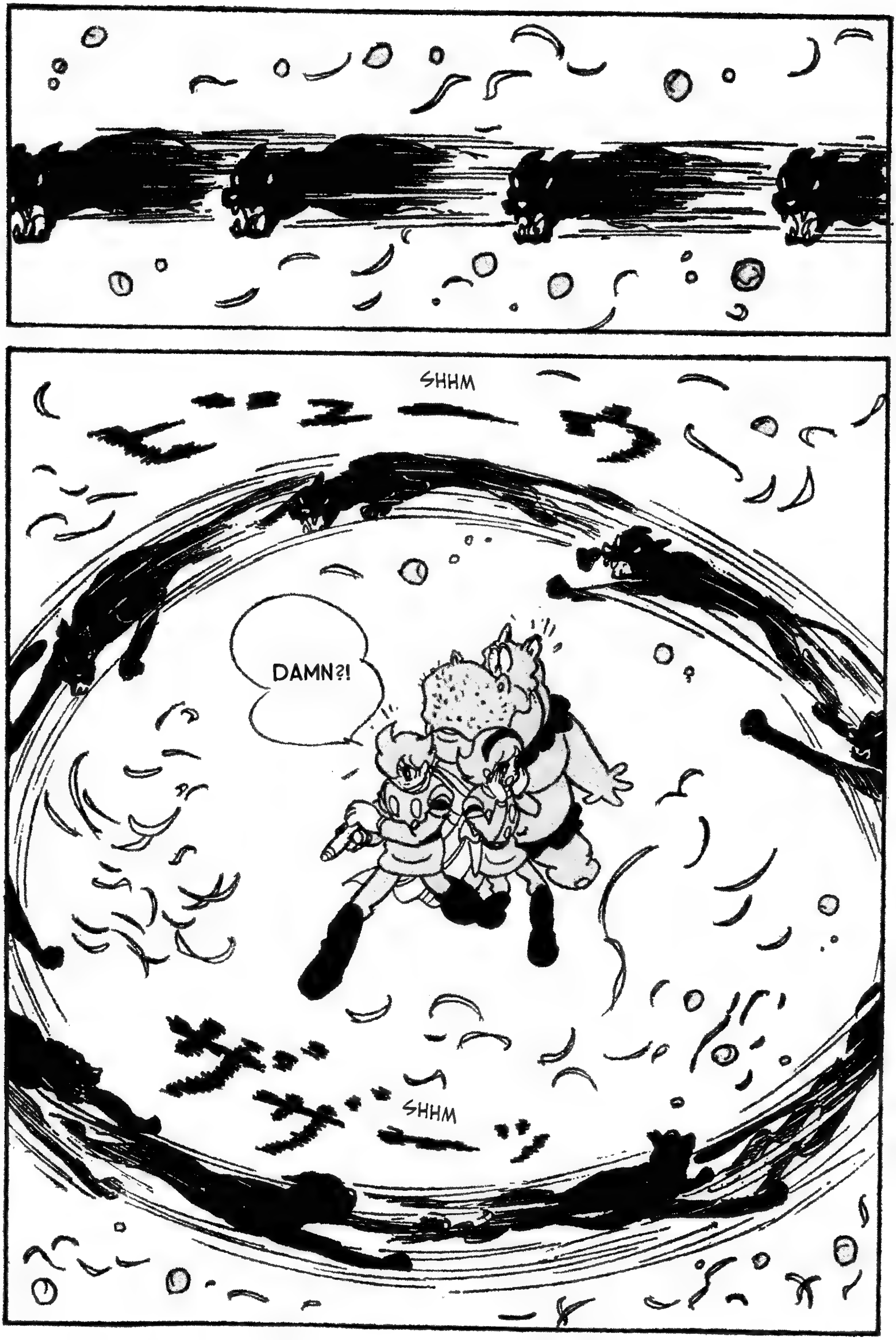

HMPH.
HUH?
HMM!
WHERE'S 007?
DID THAT CRAZED HIPPO KILL HIM?!
WAIT, WAIT...
...HOLD YOUR FIRE!

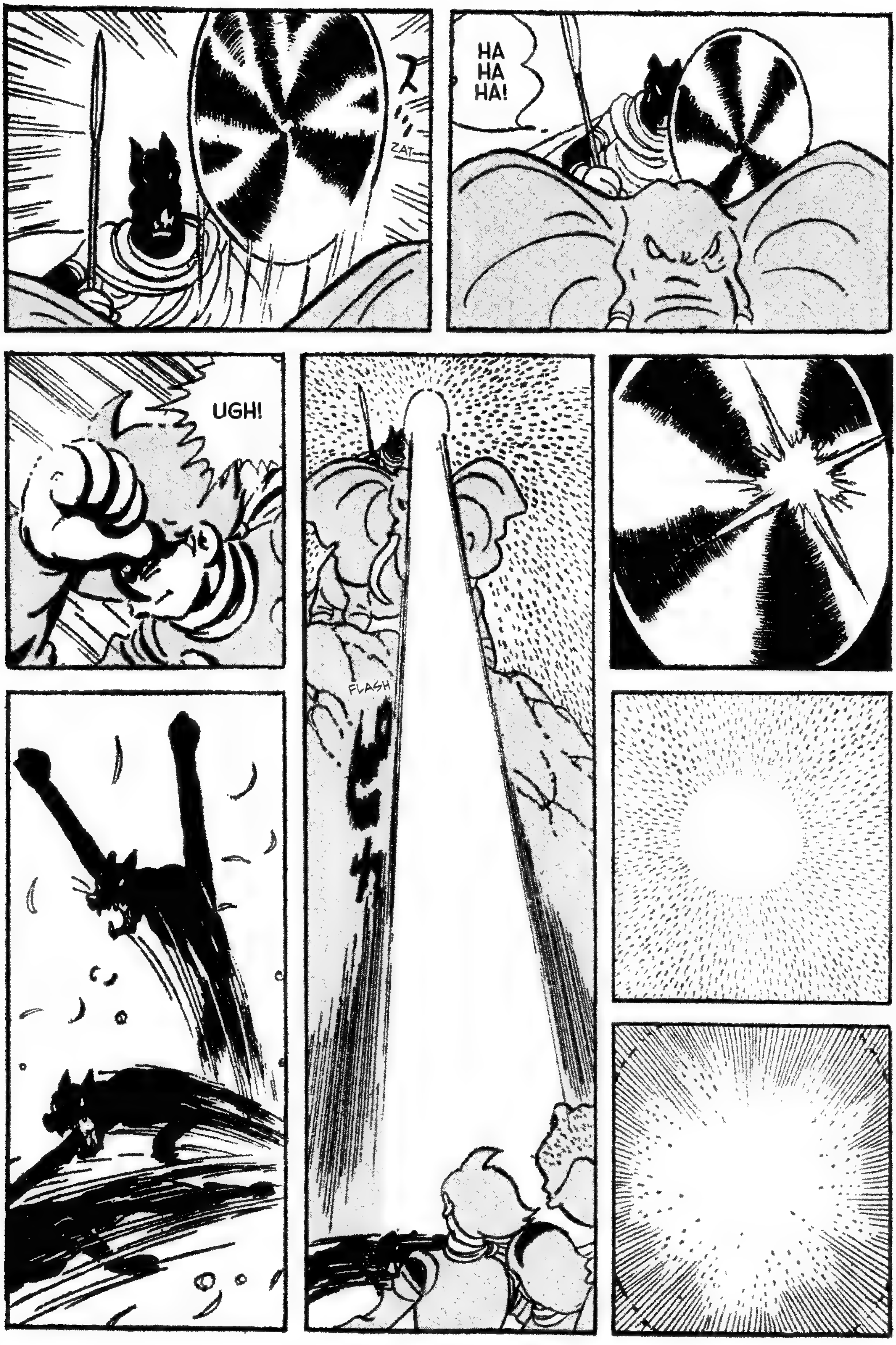

I DON'T GET IT.
YOU SCARED US.
SO, WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE NEW LOOK? PERFECT FOR HEAVY RECONNAISSANCE MISSIONS.
IT'S ME, IT'S ME.
CYBORG 007.
ALSO KNOWN AS GOLDFINGER!
OF COURSE, THING'S GOT ME PUZZLED...
...IS WHY THEY'VE MADE AN ARMY OF ANIMALS IN THE FIRST PLACE.
EXACTLY. WHO'D EVER BE SUSPICIOUS OF A DUMB HIPPO?
PRETTY SMART, EH?
THE GREEK WORD FOR MYTH IS "MYUTOS". THE CHARACTERS IN GREEK MYTHS WERE OFTEN ASSOCIATED WITH PERSONIFIED ANIMALS.
THE BLACK GHOST HAS DECIDED TO BRING MYTH TO LIFE!
IT PROBABLY HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE NAME OF THE ISLAND.

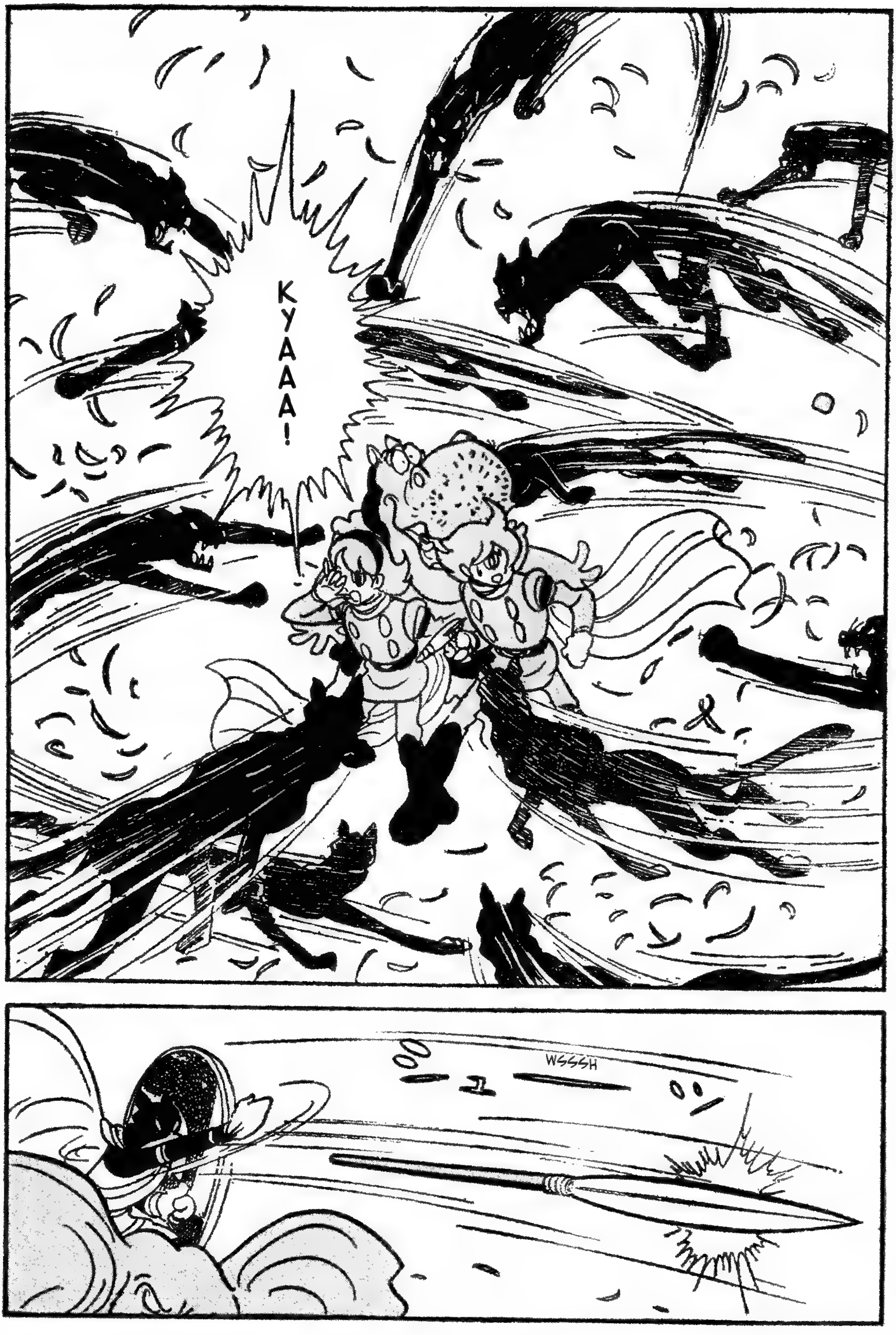

IT WAS PROBABLY SOME SCHEME OF DR. GAEA OR DR. URANUS.
WELL, I'LL TELL YOU ONE THING...
...BETTER THEY EXPERIMENT ON HIPPOS THAN HUMANS!
SHH.
SOMETHING'S APPROACHING. SOMETHING BIG...
DO DO DO
GRRR
GRRR
GRRR
PANTHERS.

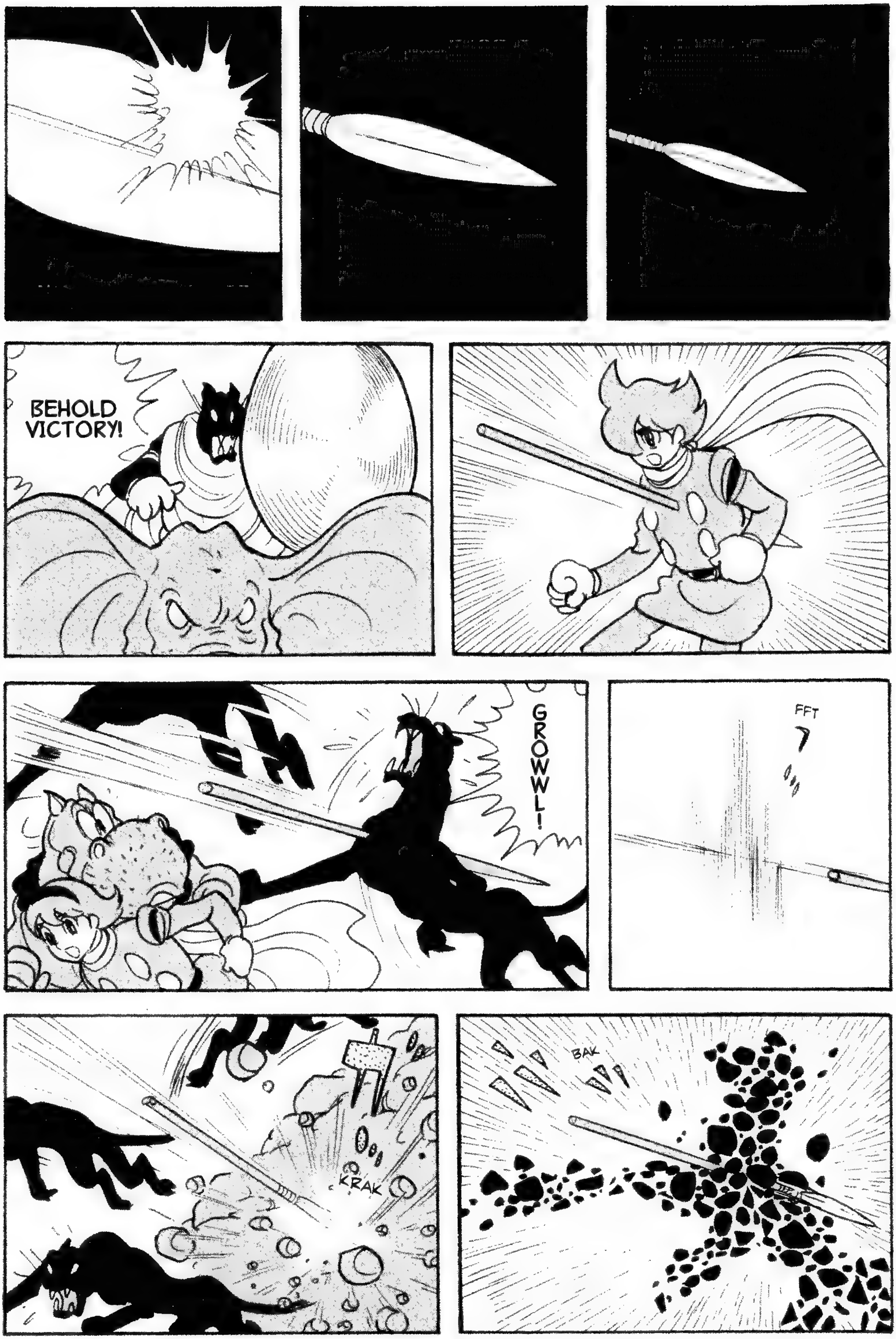

SHUP
LEAP
ZZT
HUH?!
CAREFUL, JOE. THESE GUYS LOOK CLEVER.
GRIN
ZZT
WSSSH
THAT'S WHAT WORRIES ME.

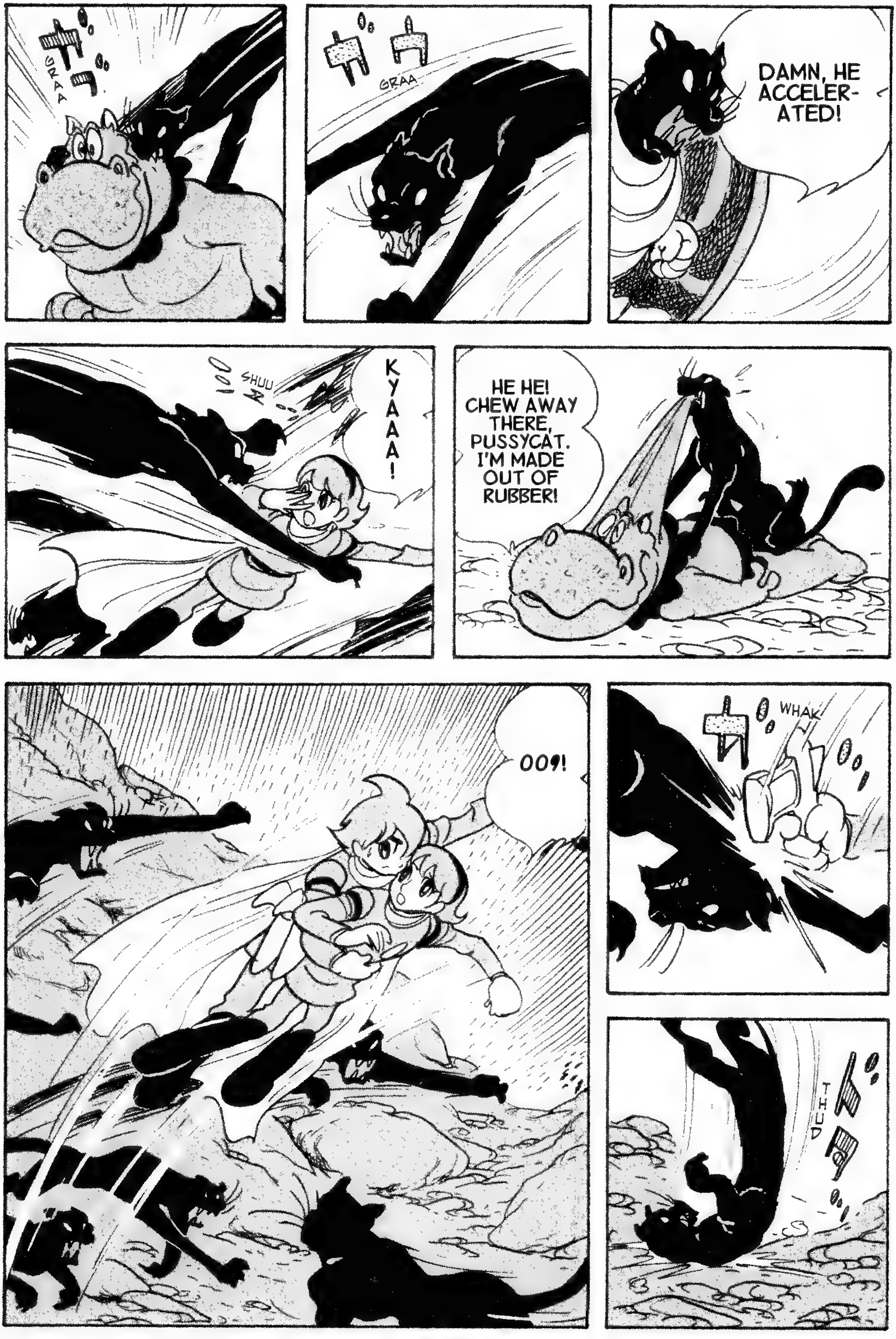

GROWL!
THEY CAN ACCELERATE!
ZZAP
ZZT
THUP

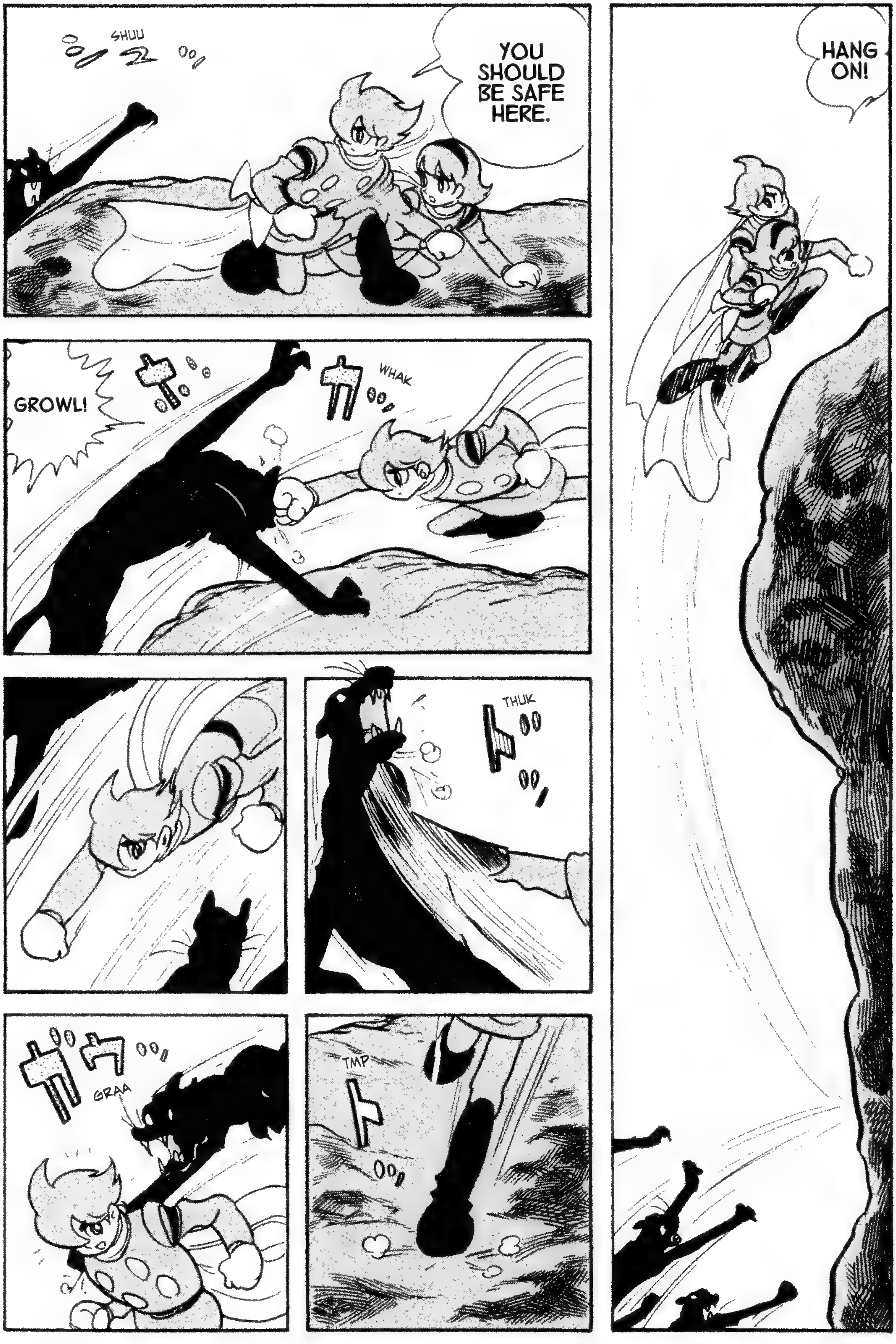

SHHM
ビューウ
DAMN?!
ザザーッ
SHHM

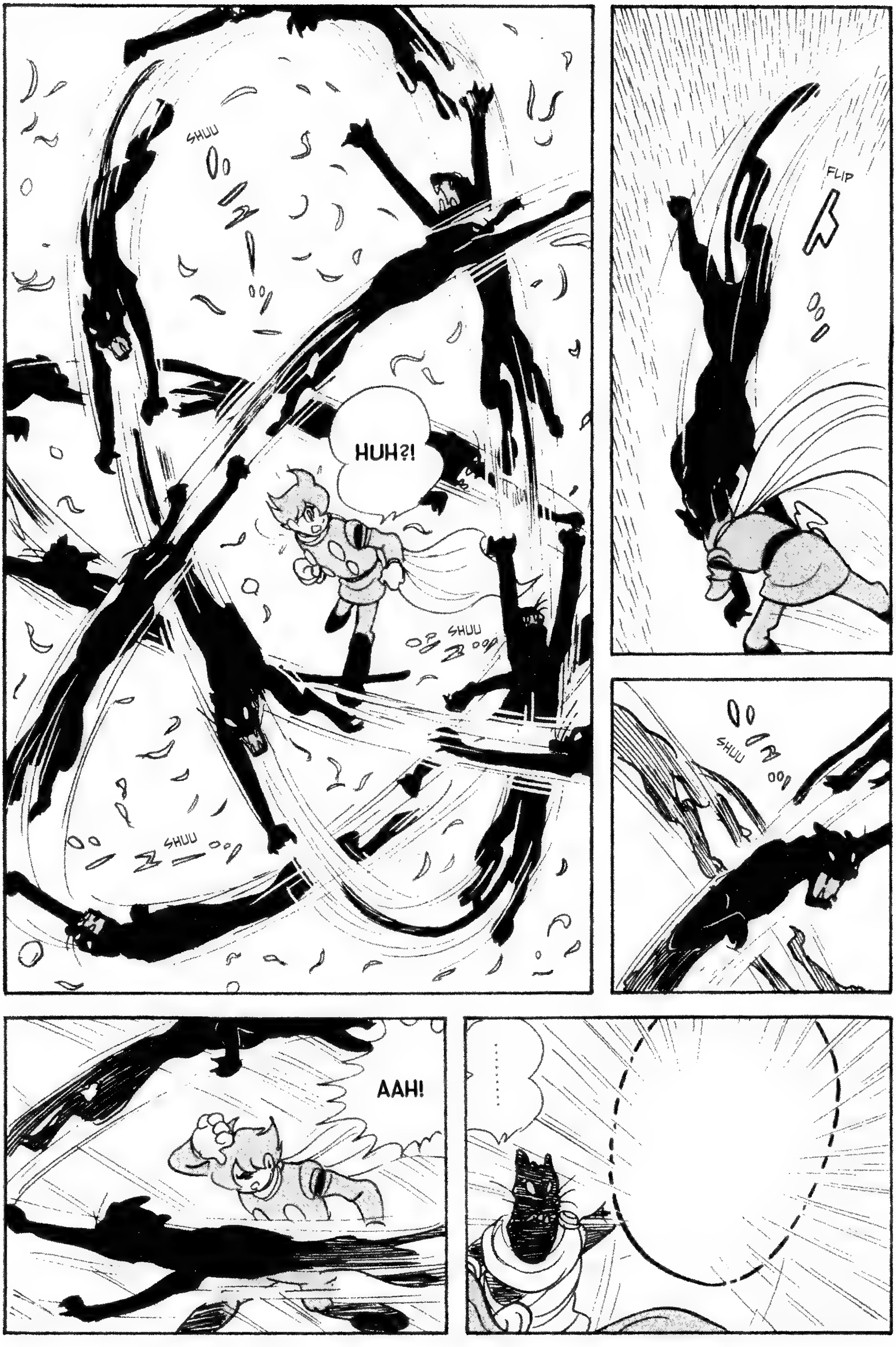

HA HA HA!
ZAT
FLASH
UGH!

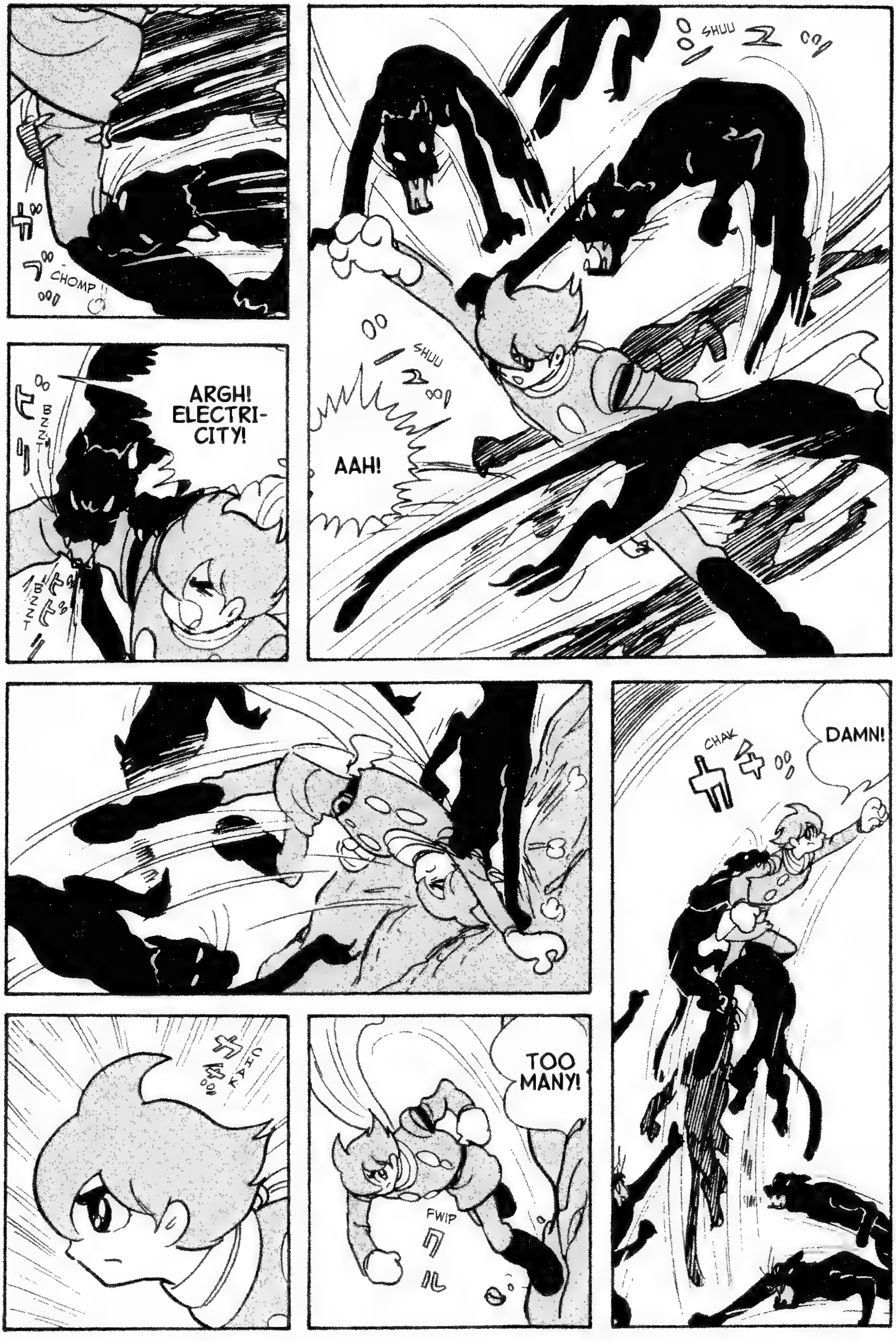

KYAAAA!
WSSSH

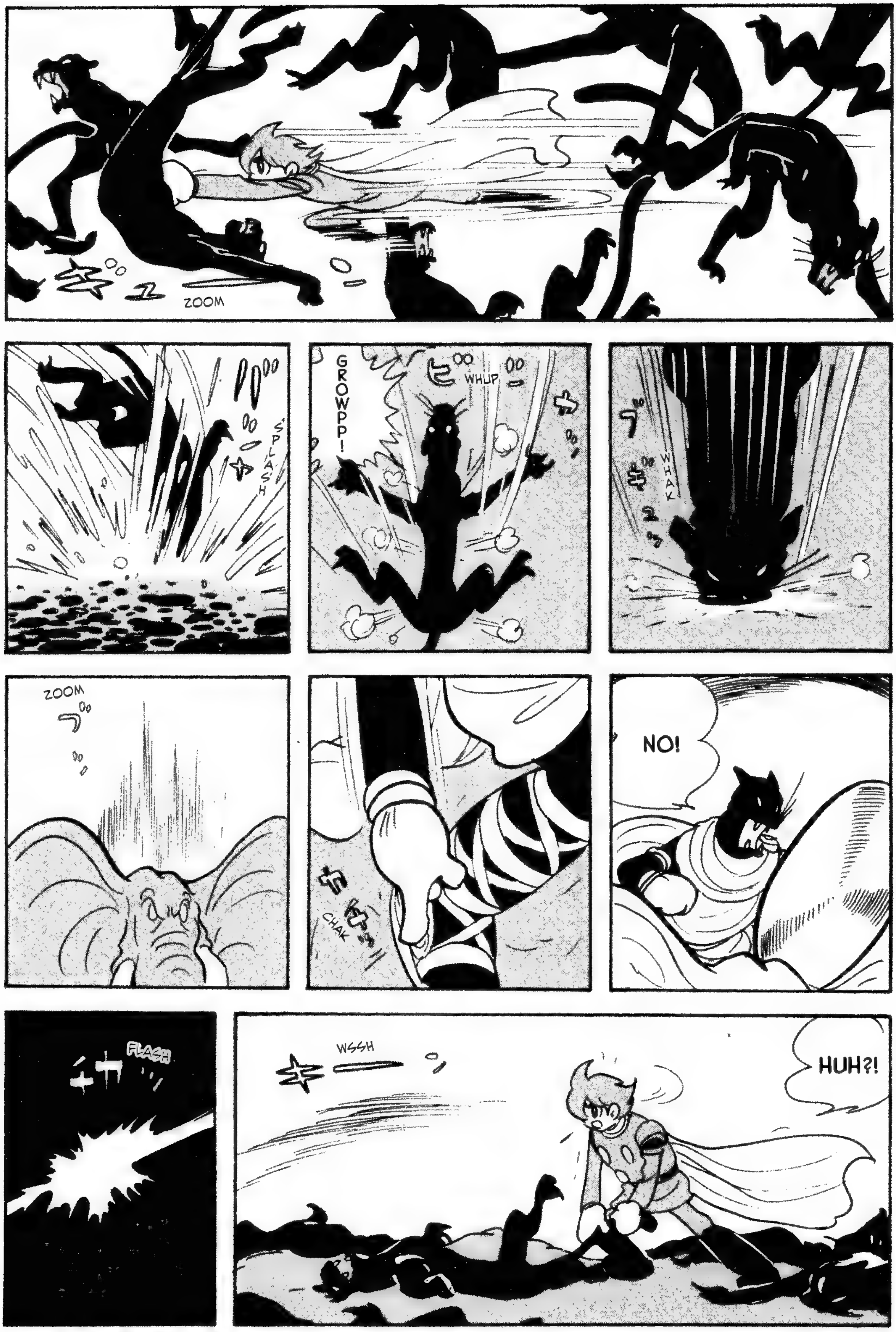

BEHOLD VICTORY!
GROWWL!
FFT
KRAK
BAK

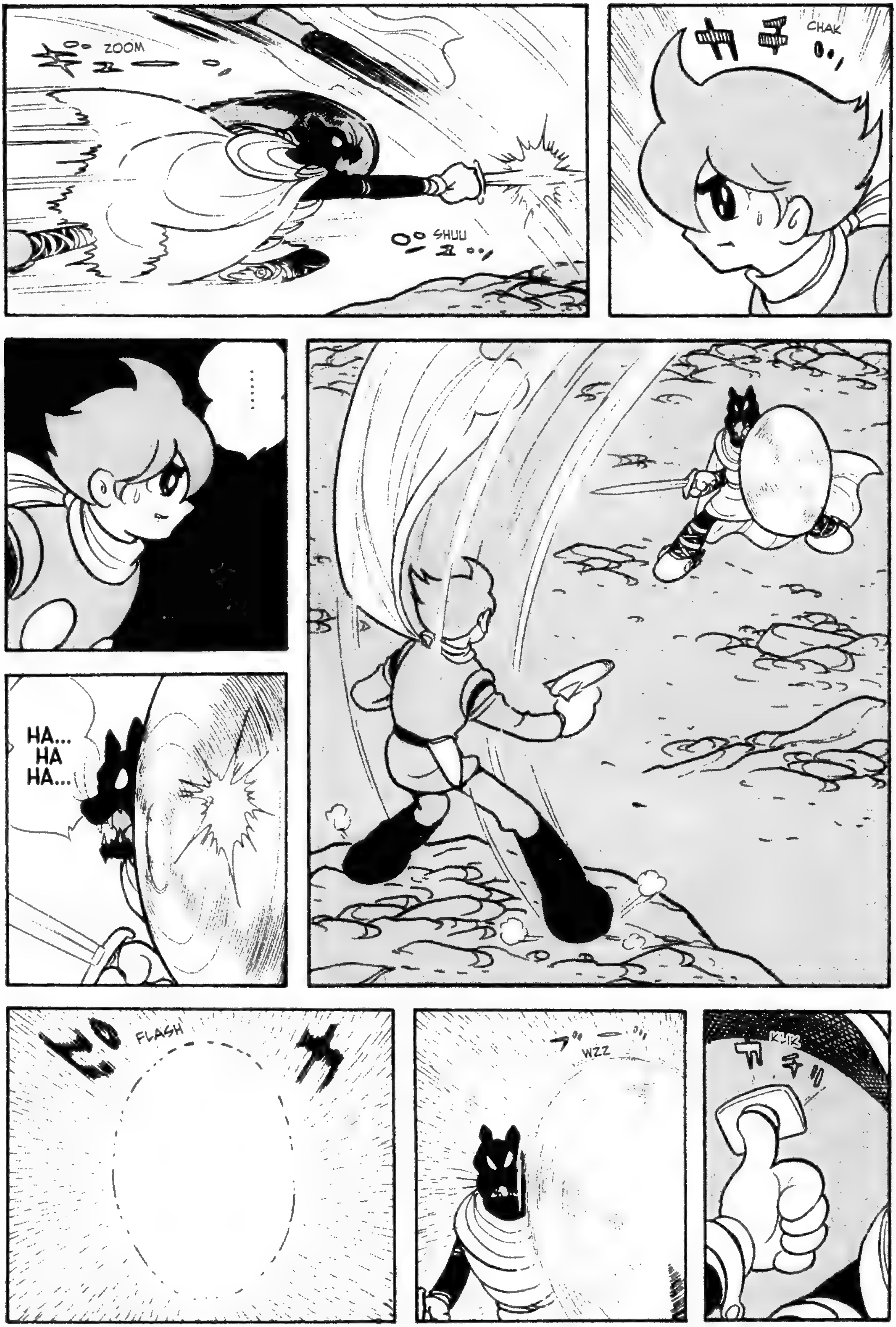

GRAA
GRAA
DAMN, HE ACCELERATED!
SHUU
KYAAA!
HE HE! CHEW AWAY THERE, PUSSYCAT. I'M MADE OUT OF RUBBER!
009!
WHAK
THUD

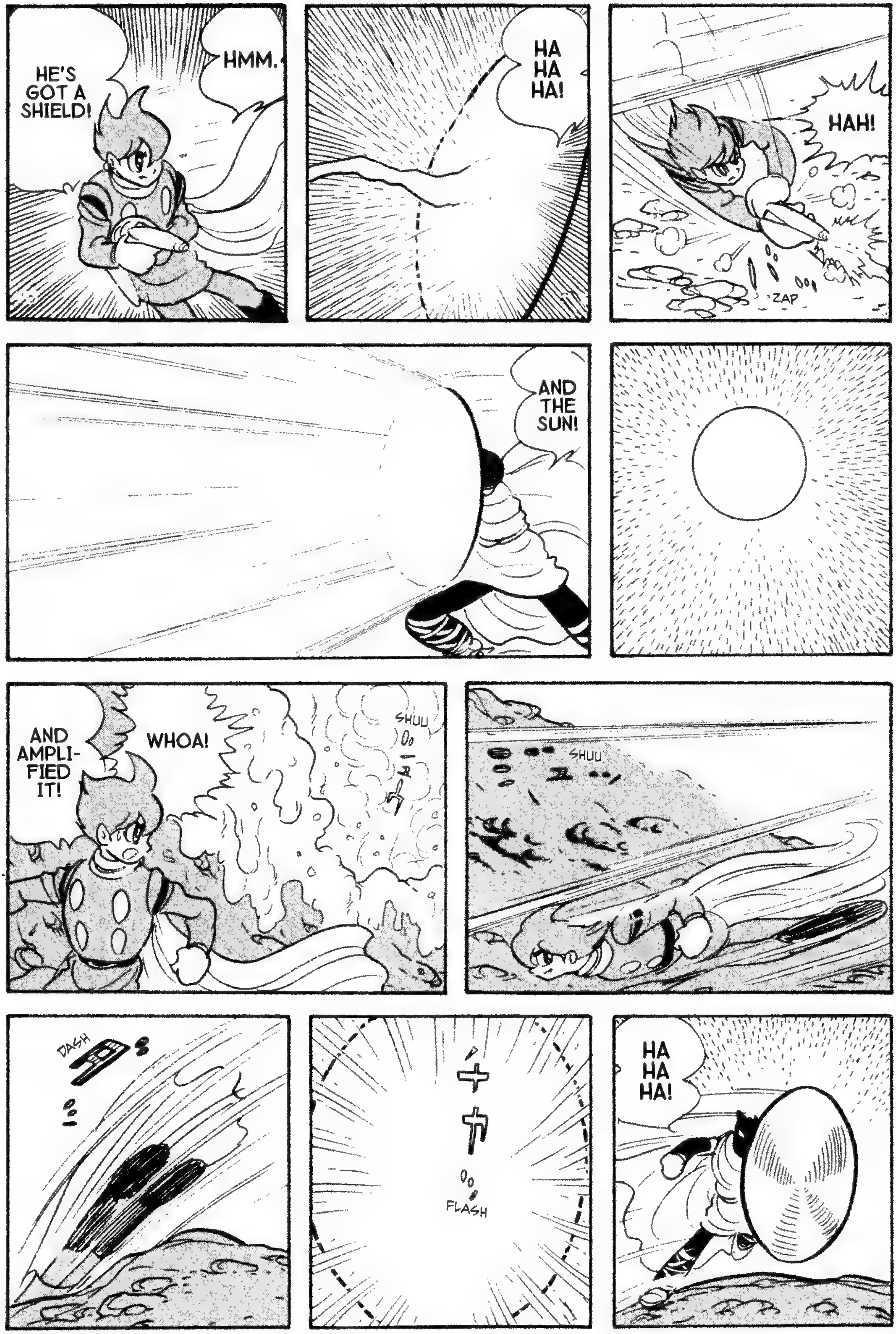

SHUU
YOU SHOULD BE SAFE HERE.
GROWL!
WHAK
THUK
GRAA
TMP
HANG ON!

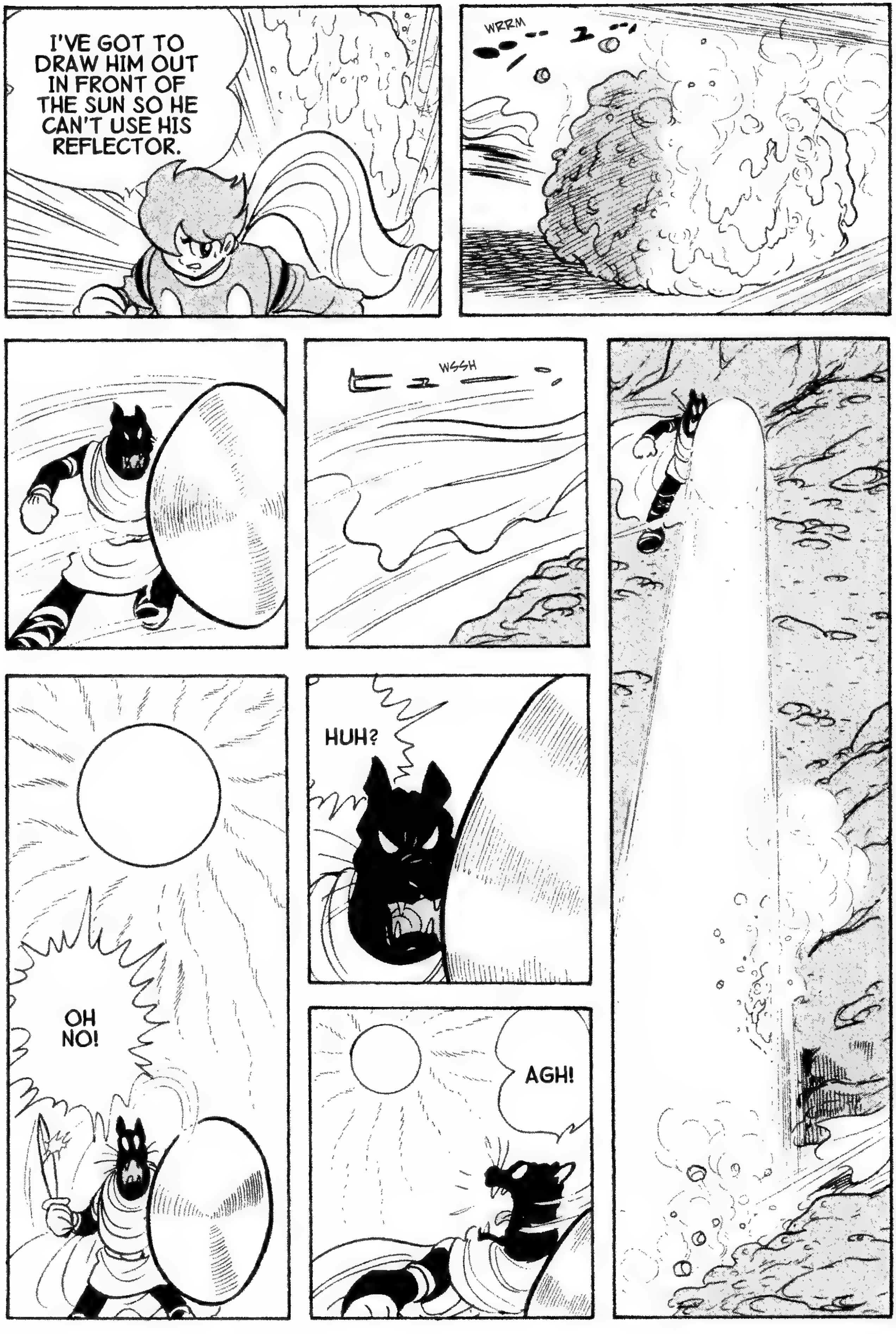

SHUU
HUH?!
SHUU
SHUU
FLIP
SHUU
AAH!
......

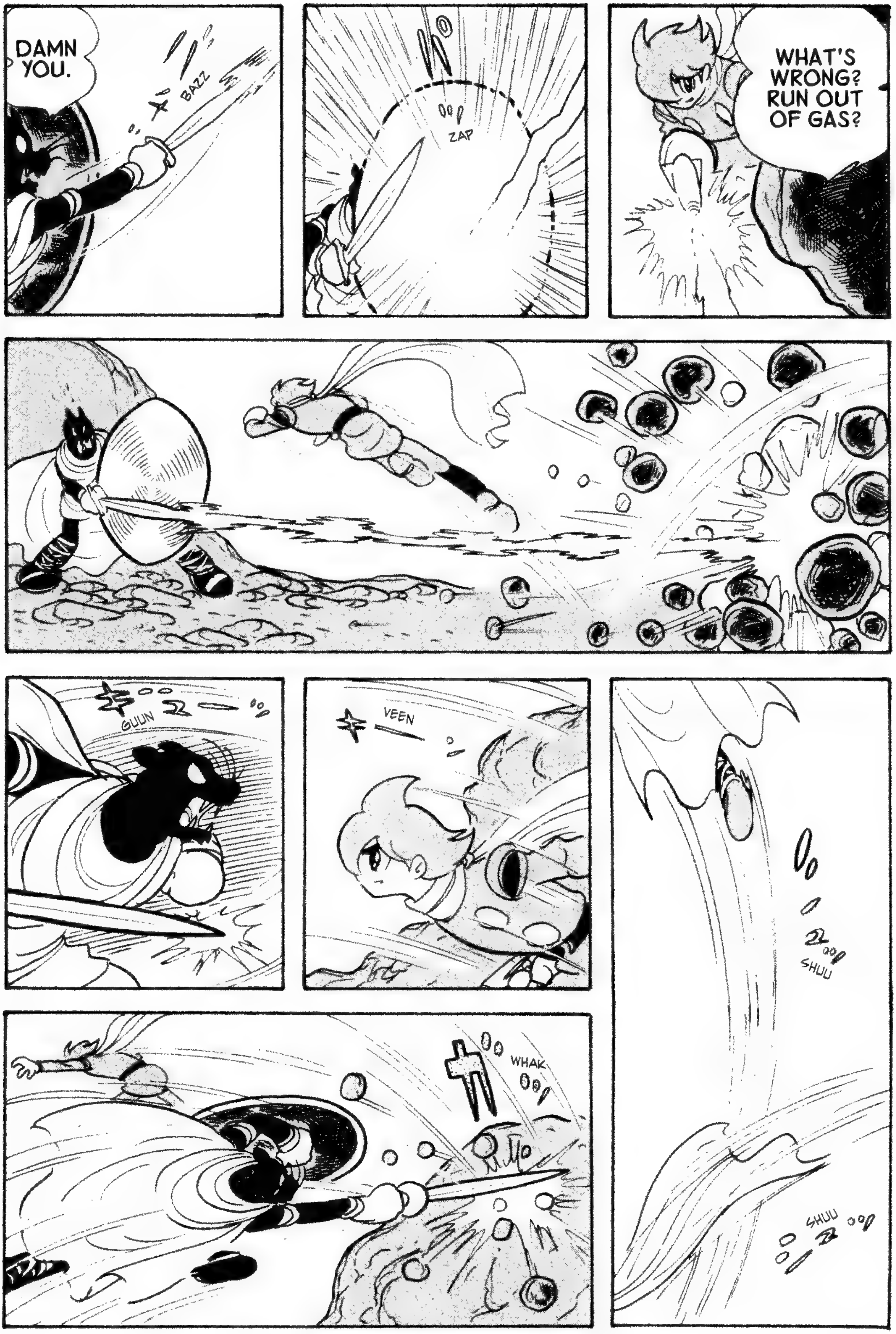

CHOMP
ARGH! ELECTRICITY!
BZZT
BZZT
SHUU
SHUU
AAH!
DAMN!
CHAK
TOO MANY!
FWIP

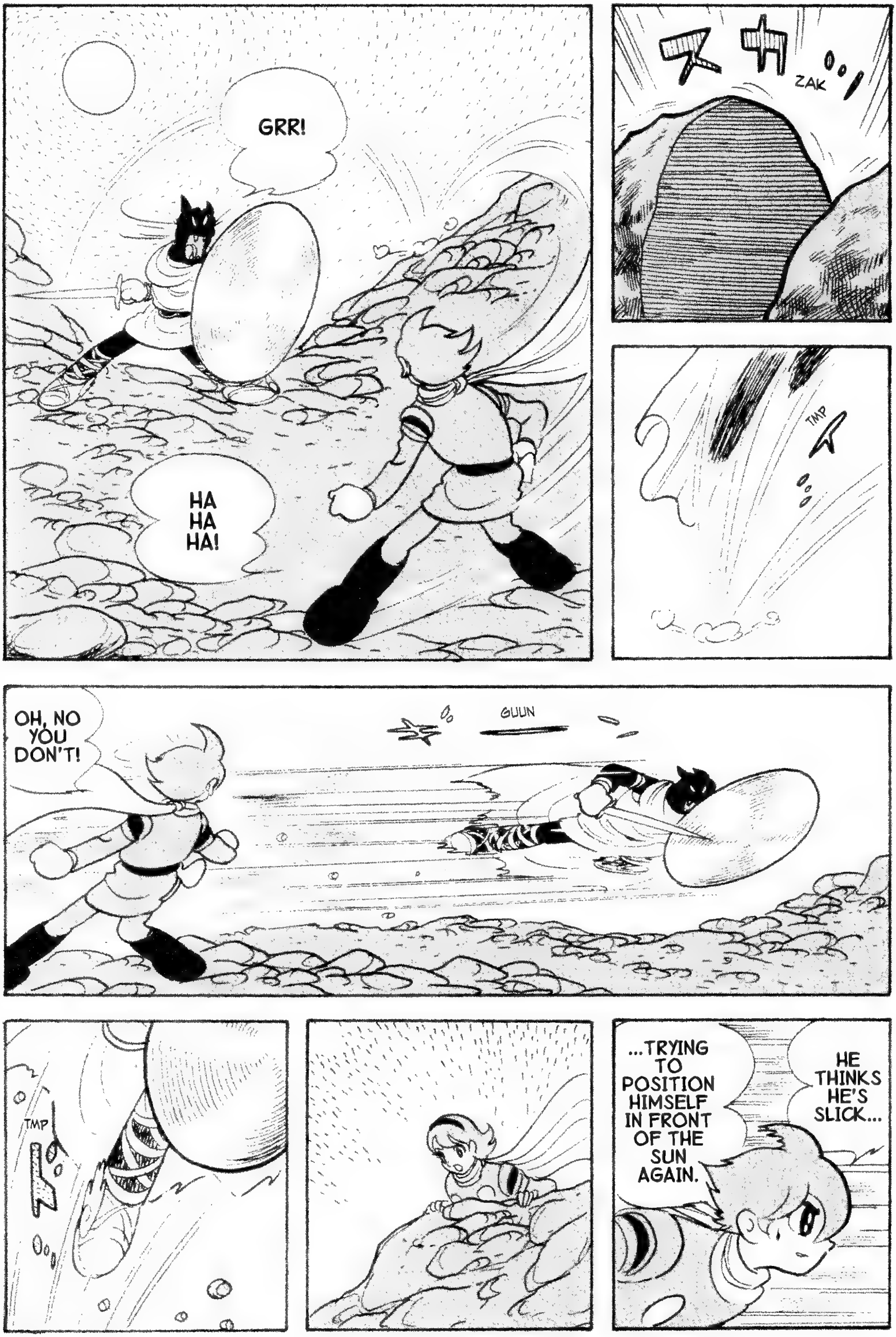

ZOOM
SPLASH
GROWPP!
WHUP
WHAK
ZOOM
CHAK
NO!
FLASH
WSSH
HUH?!

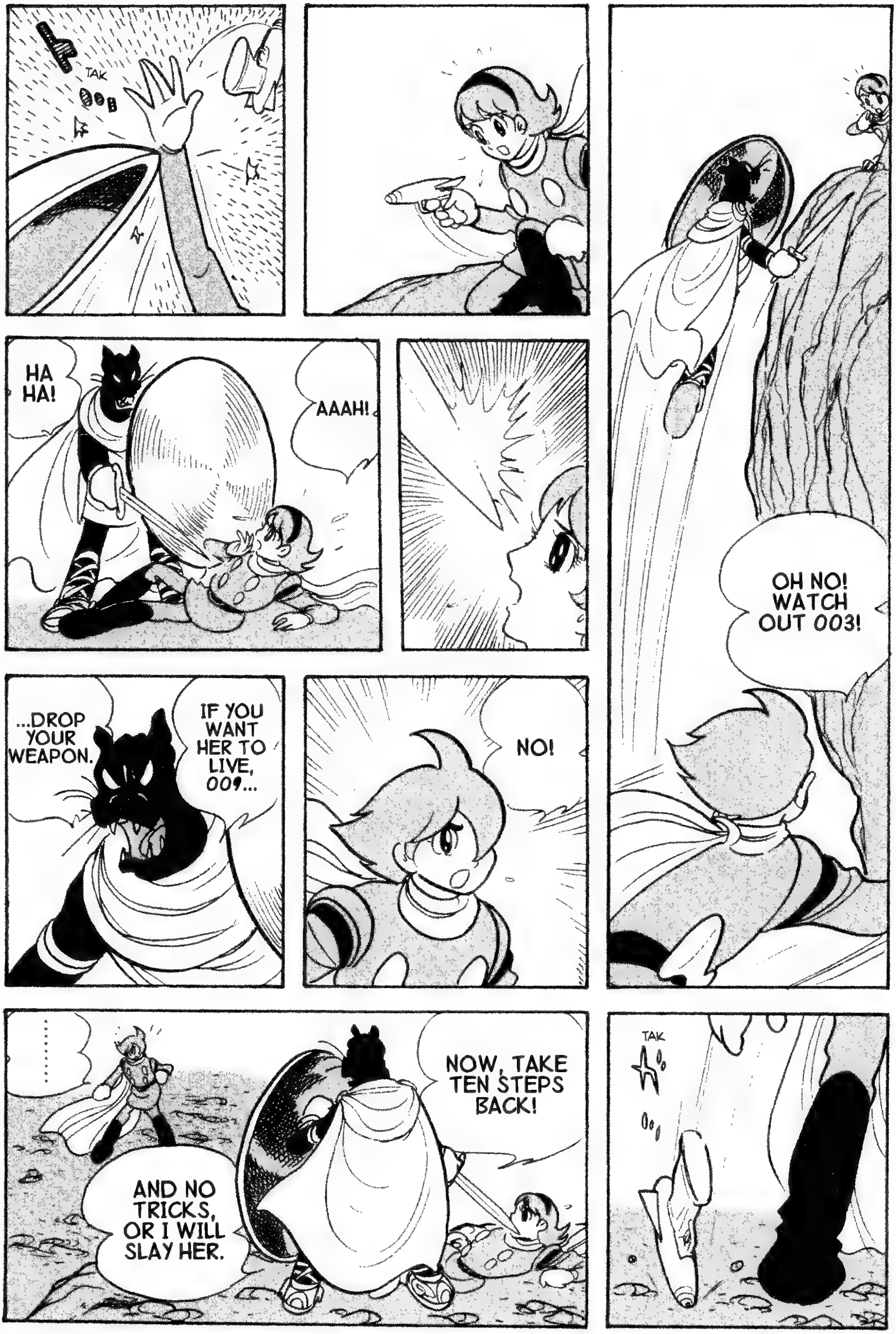

ZOOM
SHUU
CHAK
......
HA... HA HA...
FLASH
WZZ
KLIK

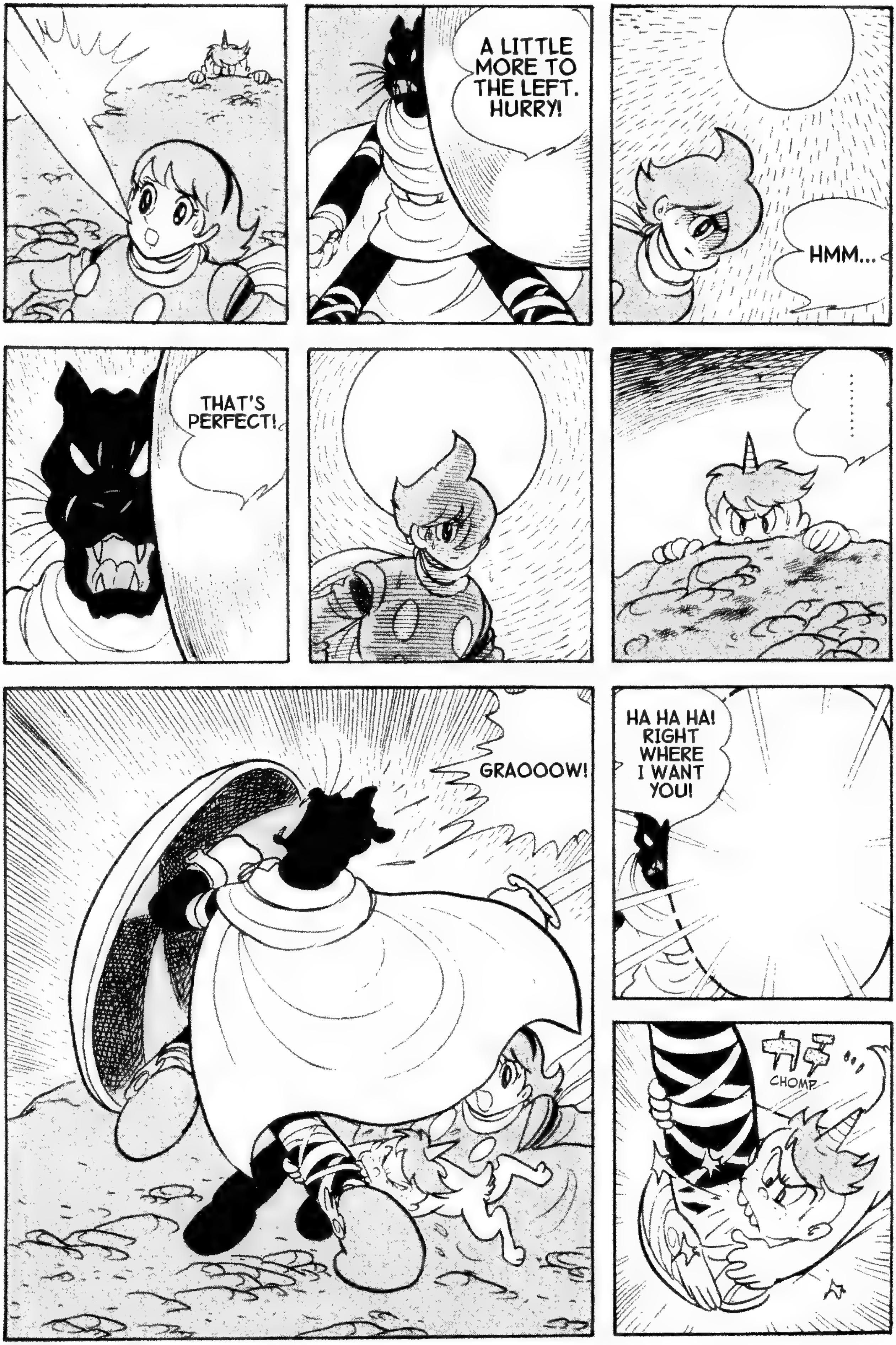

HE'S GOT A SHIELD!
HMM.
HA HA HA!
HAH!
ZAP
AND THE SUN!
AND AMPLIFIED IT!
WHOA!
SHUU
SHUU
DASH
FLASH
HA HA HA!

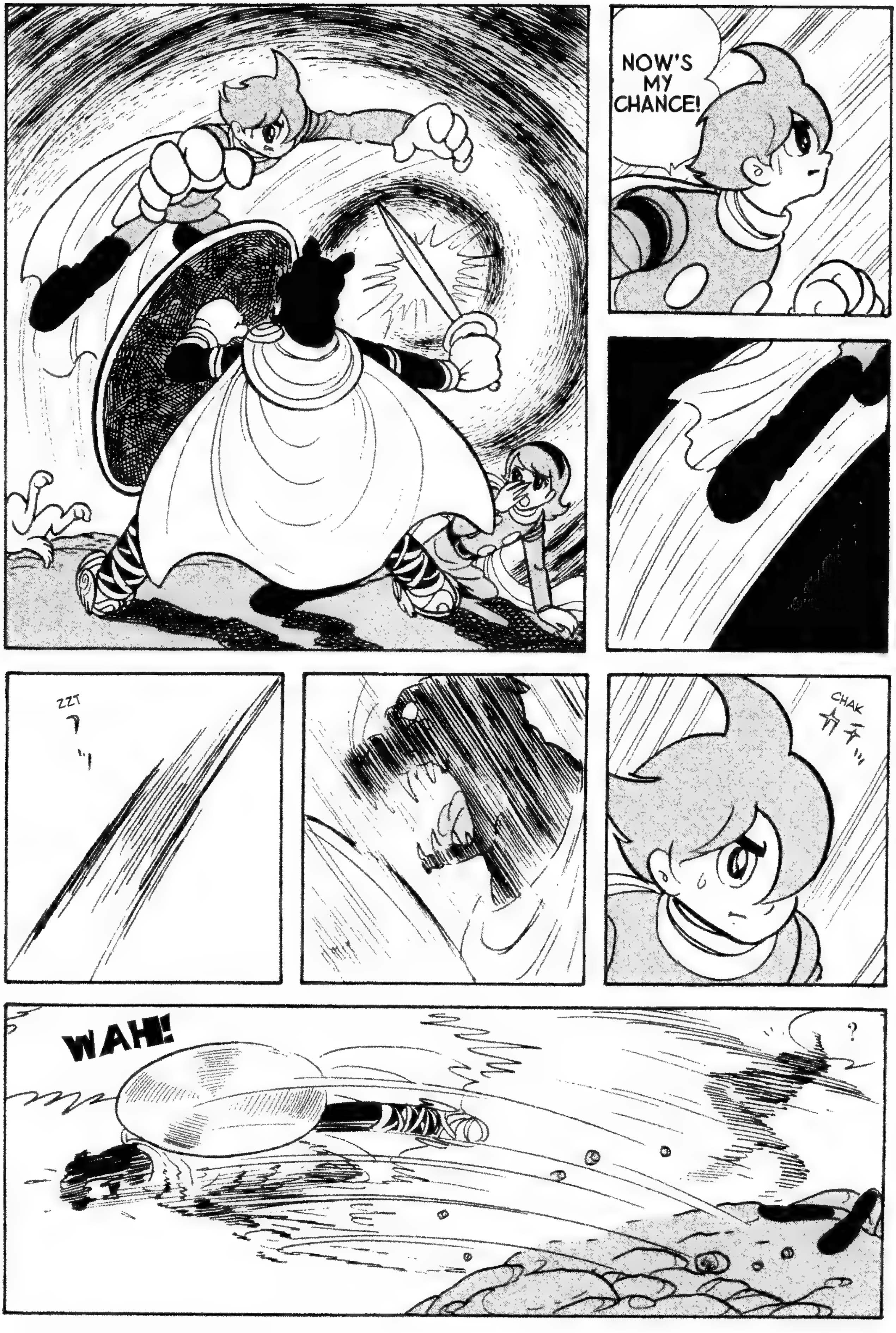

I'VE GOT TO DRAW HIM OUT IN FRONT OF THE SUN SO HE CAN'T USE HIS REFLECTOR.
WRRM
WSSH
OH NO!
HUH?
AGH!

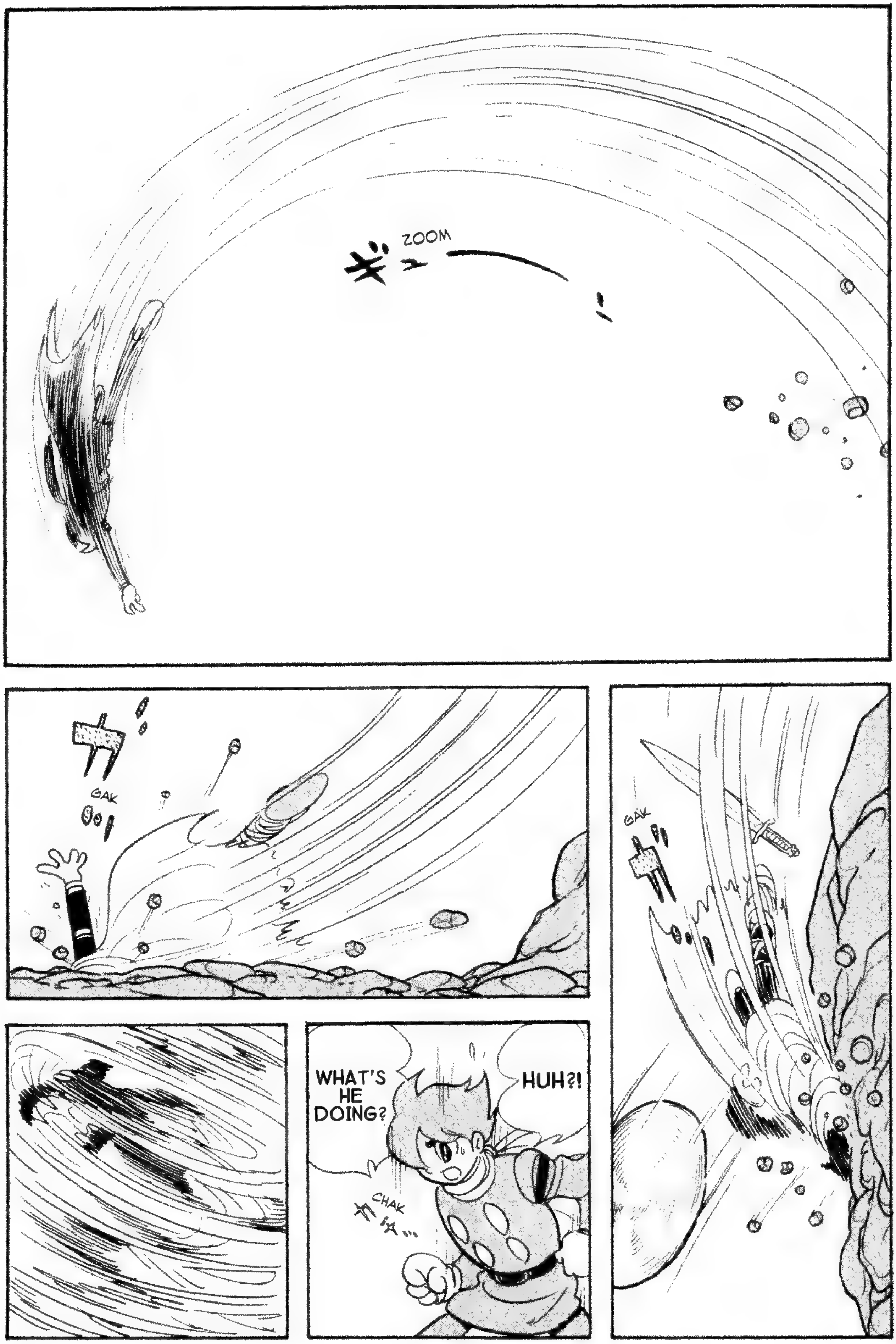

DAMN YOU.
BAZZ
ZAP
WHAT'S WRONG? RUN OUT OF GAS?
GUUN
VEEN
SHUU
SHUU
WHAK

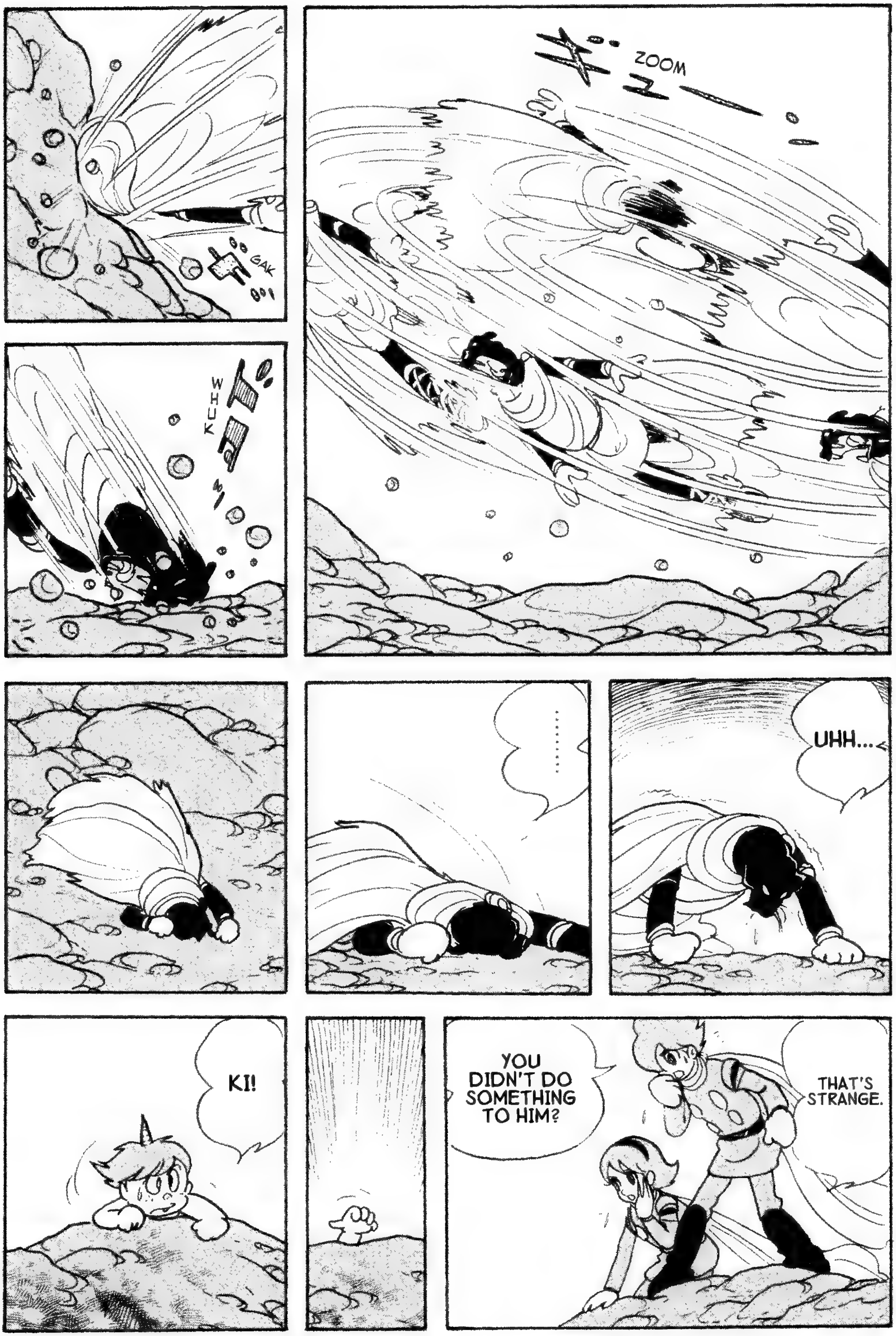

GRR!
HA HA HA!
ズカ
ZAK
TMP
OH, NO YOU DON'T!
GUUN
TMP
HE THINKS HE'S SLICK...
...TRYING TO POSITION HIMSELF IN FRONT OF THE SUN AGAIN.

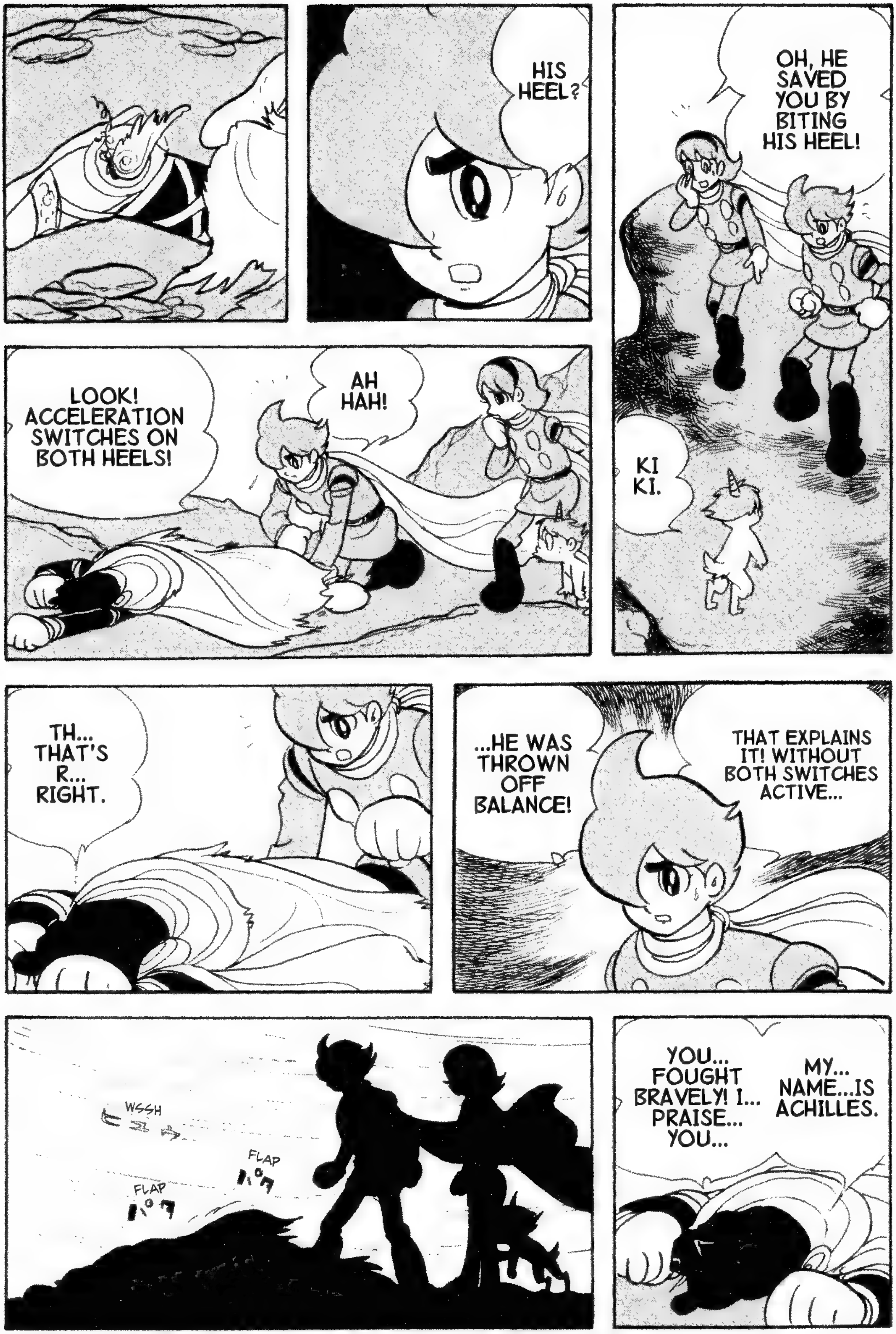

TAK
OH NO! WATCH OUT 003!
HA HA!
AAAH!
IF YOU WANT HER TO LIVE, 009...
...DROP YOUR WEAPON.
NO!
....
NOW, TAKE TEN STEPS BACK!
AND NO TRICKS, OR I WILL SLAY HER.
TAK

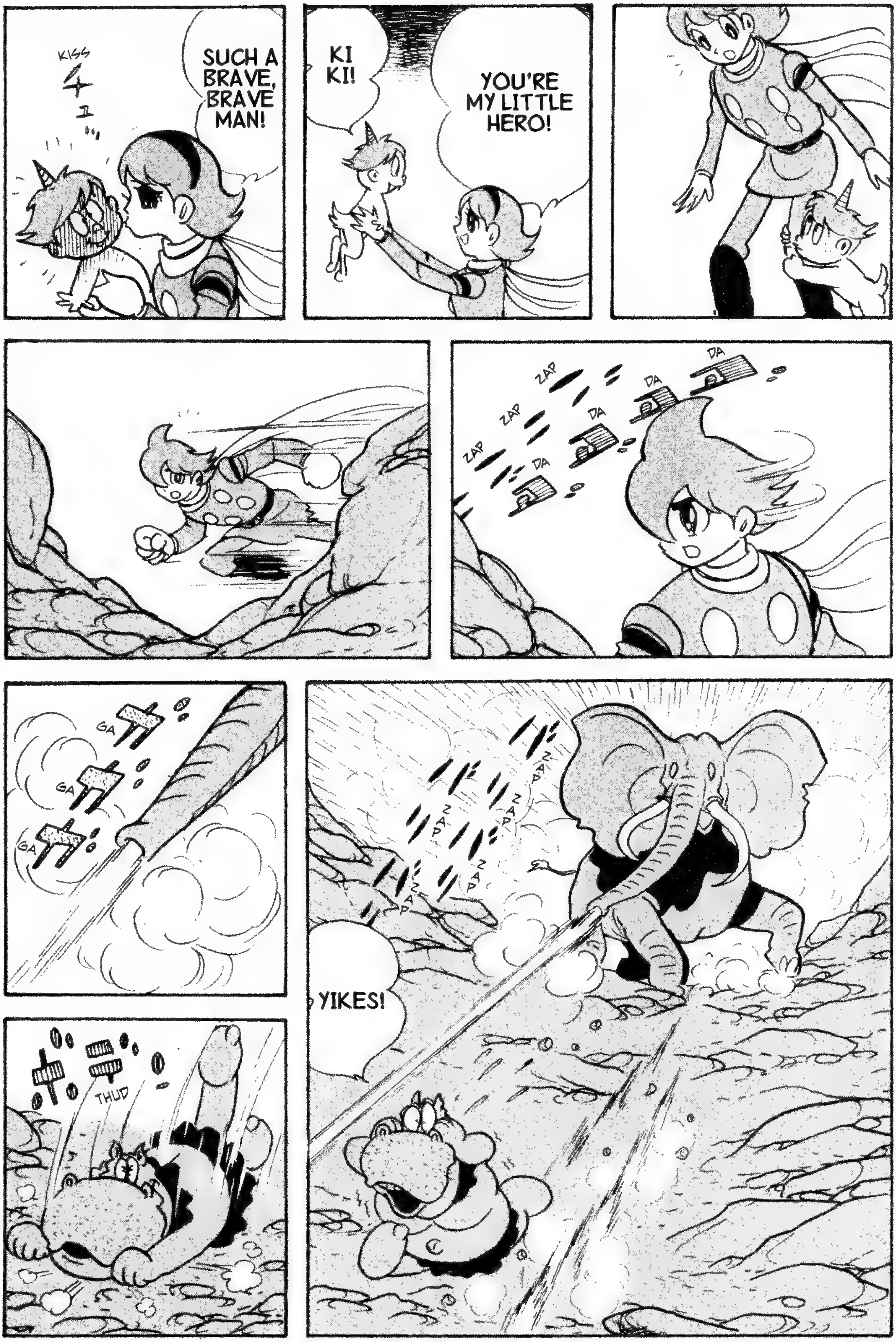

A LITTLE MORE TO THE LEFT. HURRY!
HMM...
THAT'S PERFECT!
......
GRAOOOW!
HA HA HA! RIGHT WHERE I WANT YOU!
ガブ
CHOMP

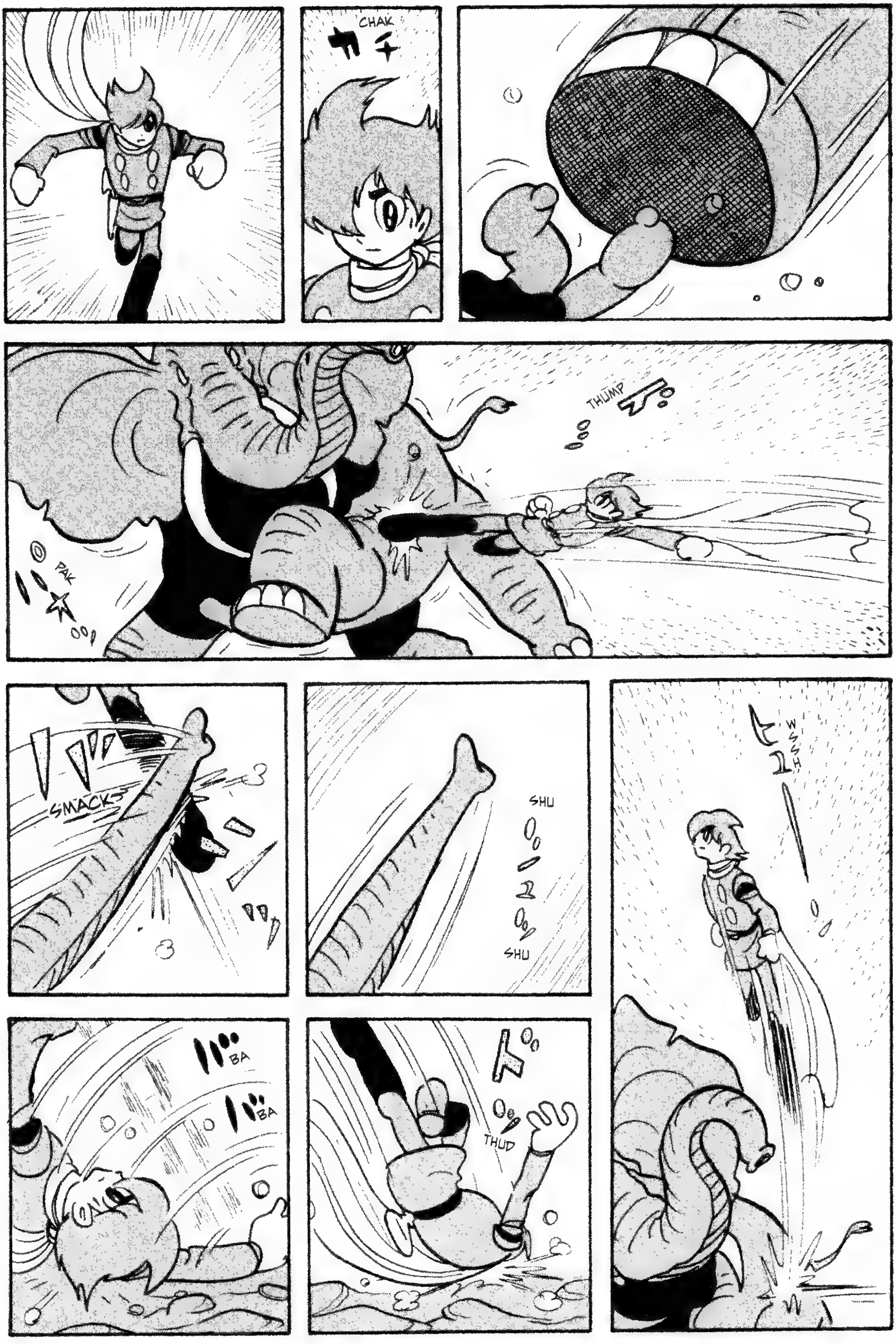

NOW'S MY CHANCE!
CHAK
カチ
ZZT
WAH!
?

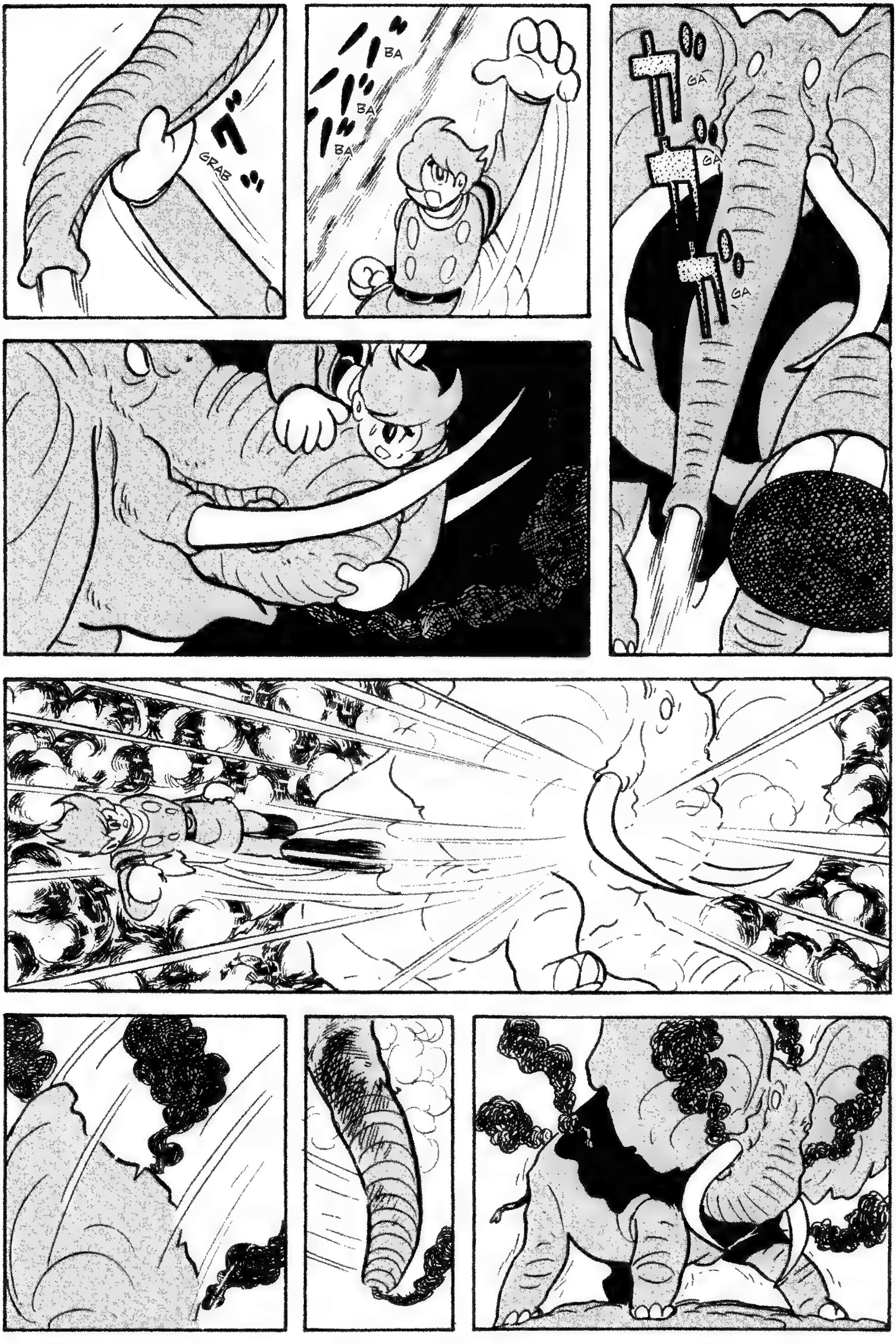

ZOOM
GAK
GAK
WHAT'S HE DOING?
HUH?!
CHAK

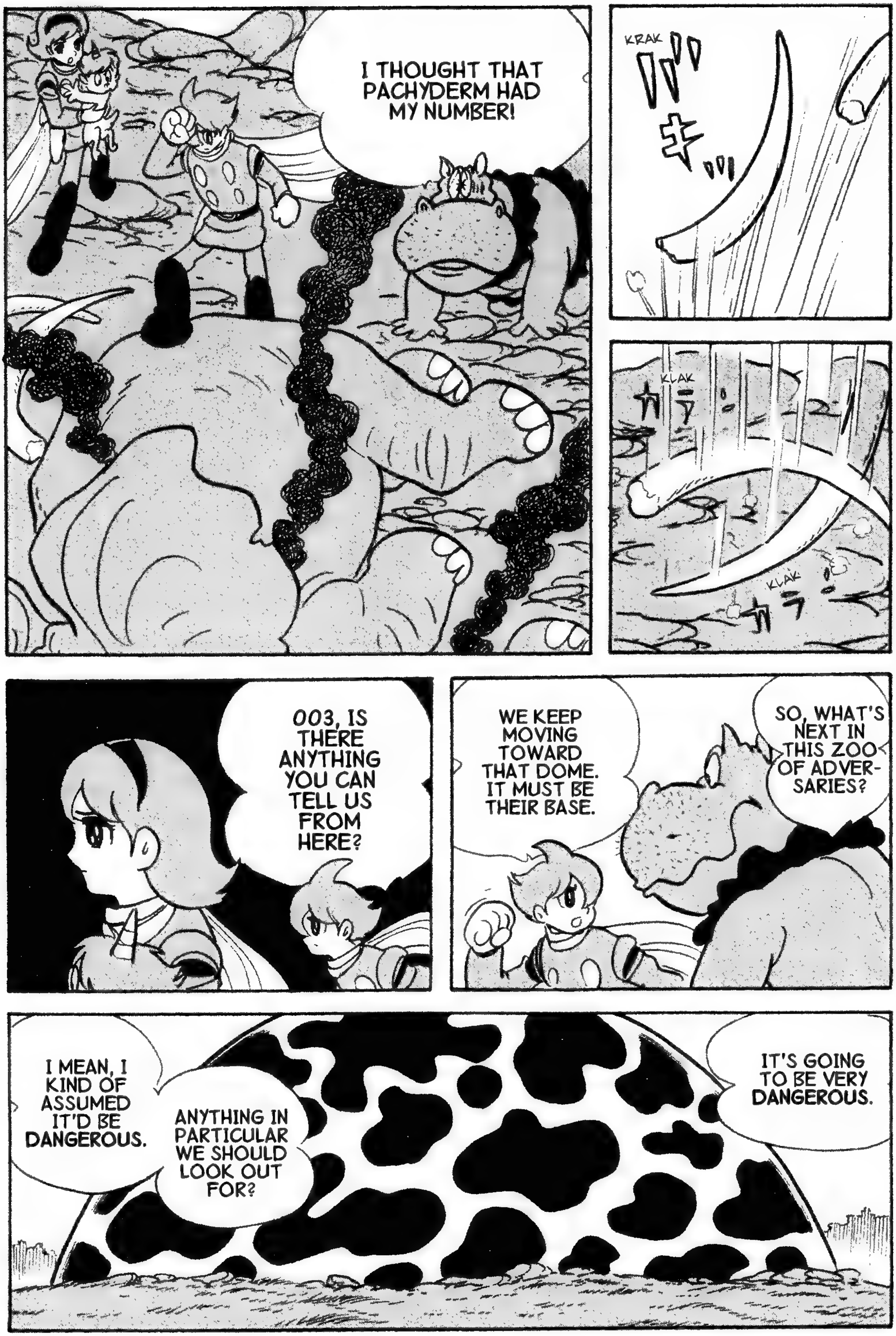

GAK
WHUK
ZOOM
......
UHH...
KI!
YOU DIDN'T DO SOMETHING TO HIM?
THAT'S STRANGE.

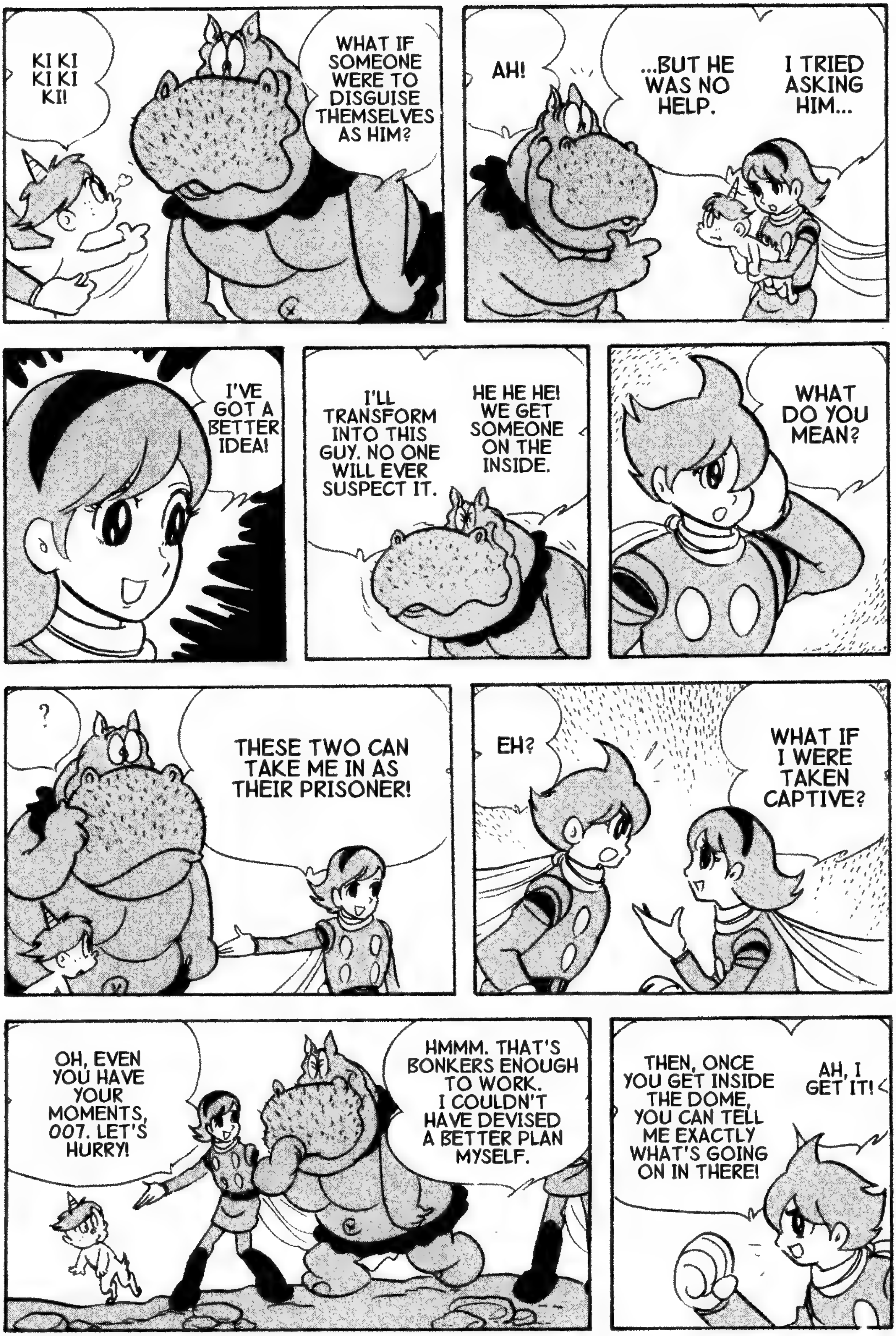

HIS HEEL?
OH, HE SAVED YOU BY BITING HIS HEEL!
KI KI.
AH HAH!
LOOK! ACCELERATION SWITCHES ON BOTH HEELS!
TH... THAT'S R... RIGHT.
THAT EXPLAINS IT! WITHOUT BOTH SWITCHES ACTIVE...
...HE WAS THROWN OFF BALANCE!
WSSH
FLAP
FLAP
MY... NAME...IS ACHILLES.
YOU... FOUGHT BRAVELY! I... PRAISE... YOU...

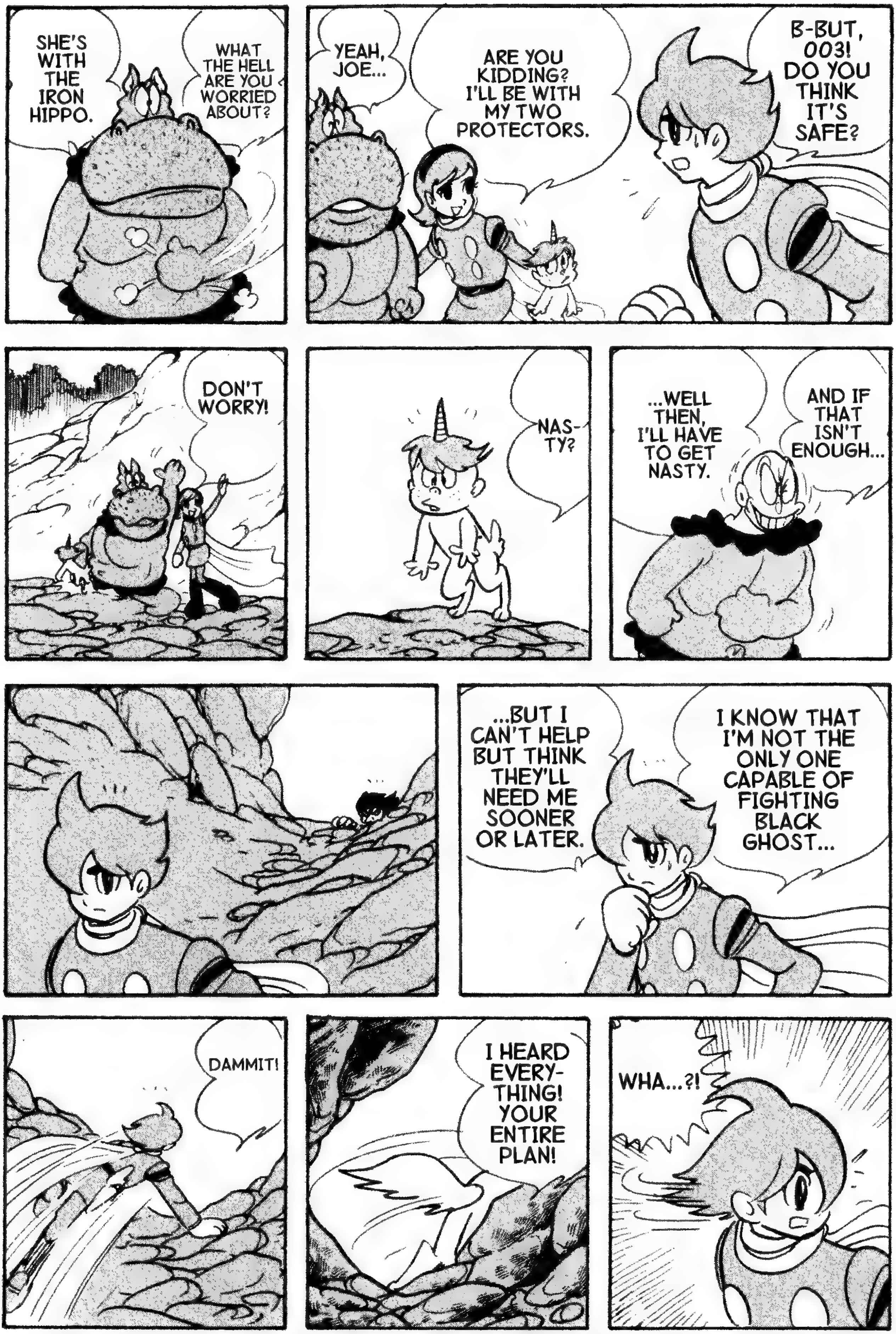

KISS
SUCH A BRAVE, BRAVE MAN!
KI KI!
YOU'RE MY LITTLE HERO!
ZAP
ZAP
ZAP
DA
DA
DA
DA
GA
GA
GA
ZAP
ZAP
ZAP
ZAP
ZAP
YIKES!
THUD

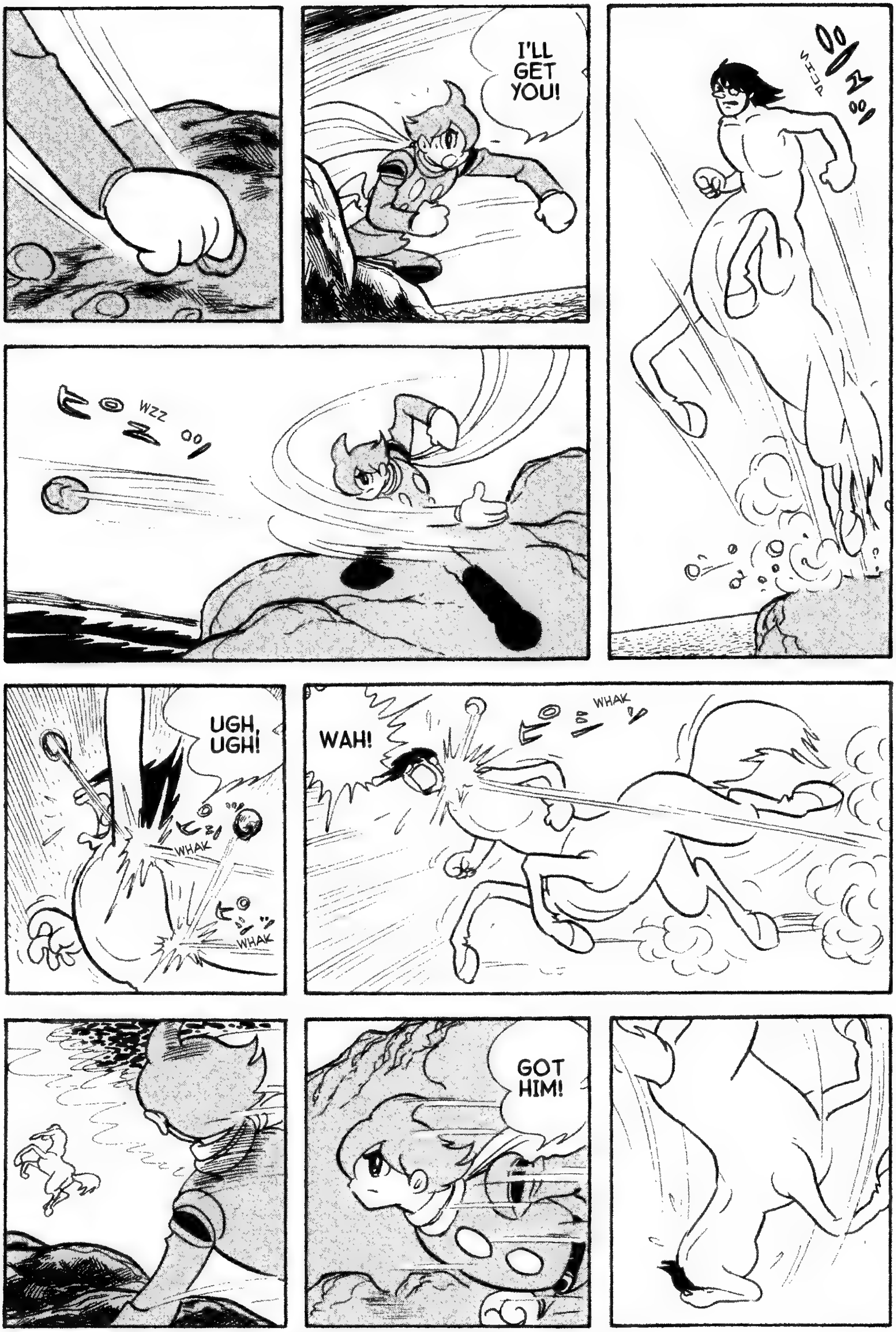

カチ CHAK
THUMP
PAK
SMACK
SHU
SHU
WSSH!
BA
BA
THUD

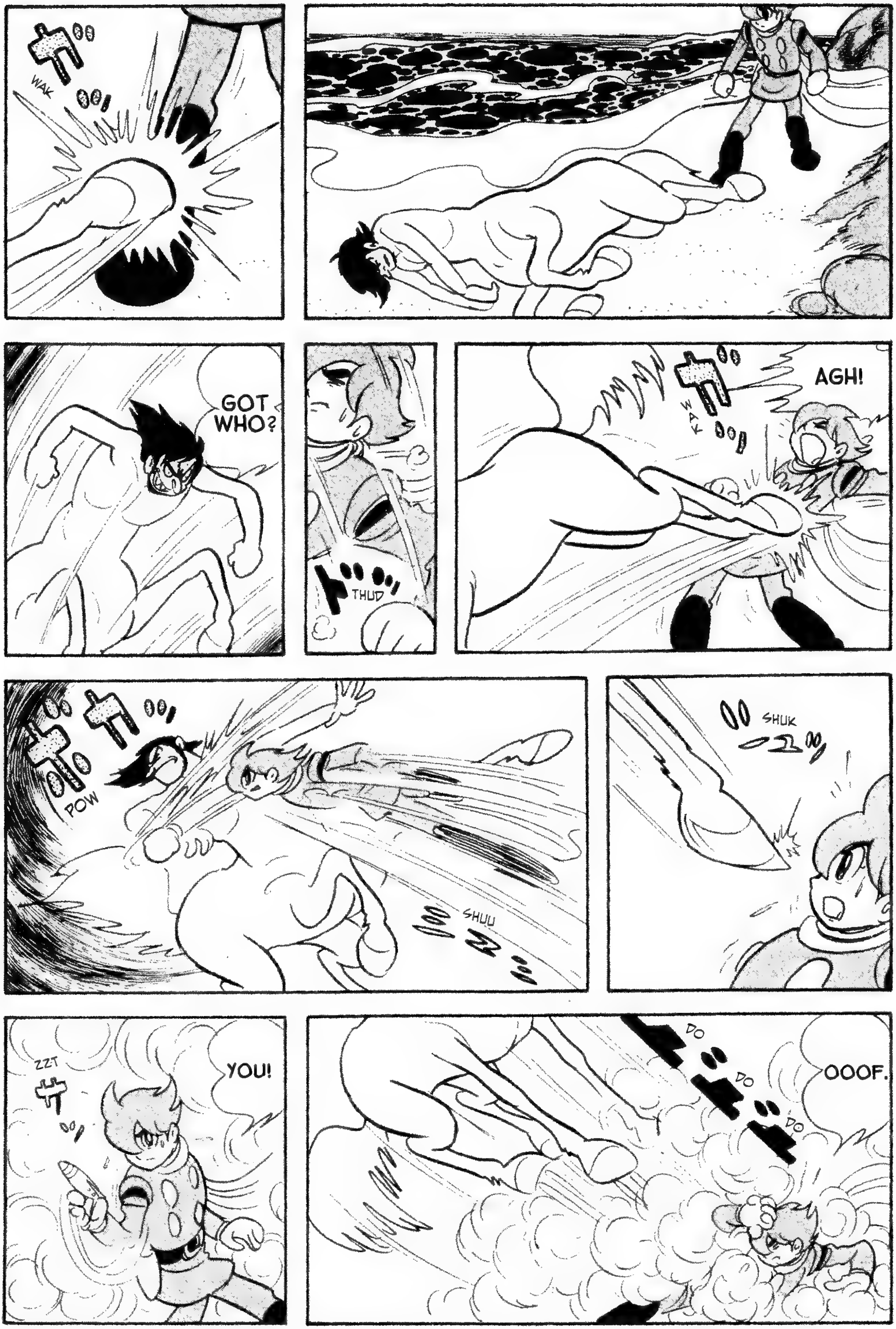

GA
GA
GA
BA
BA
BA
GRAB

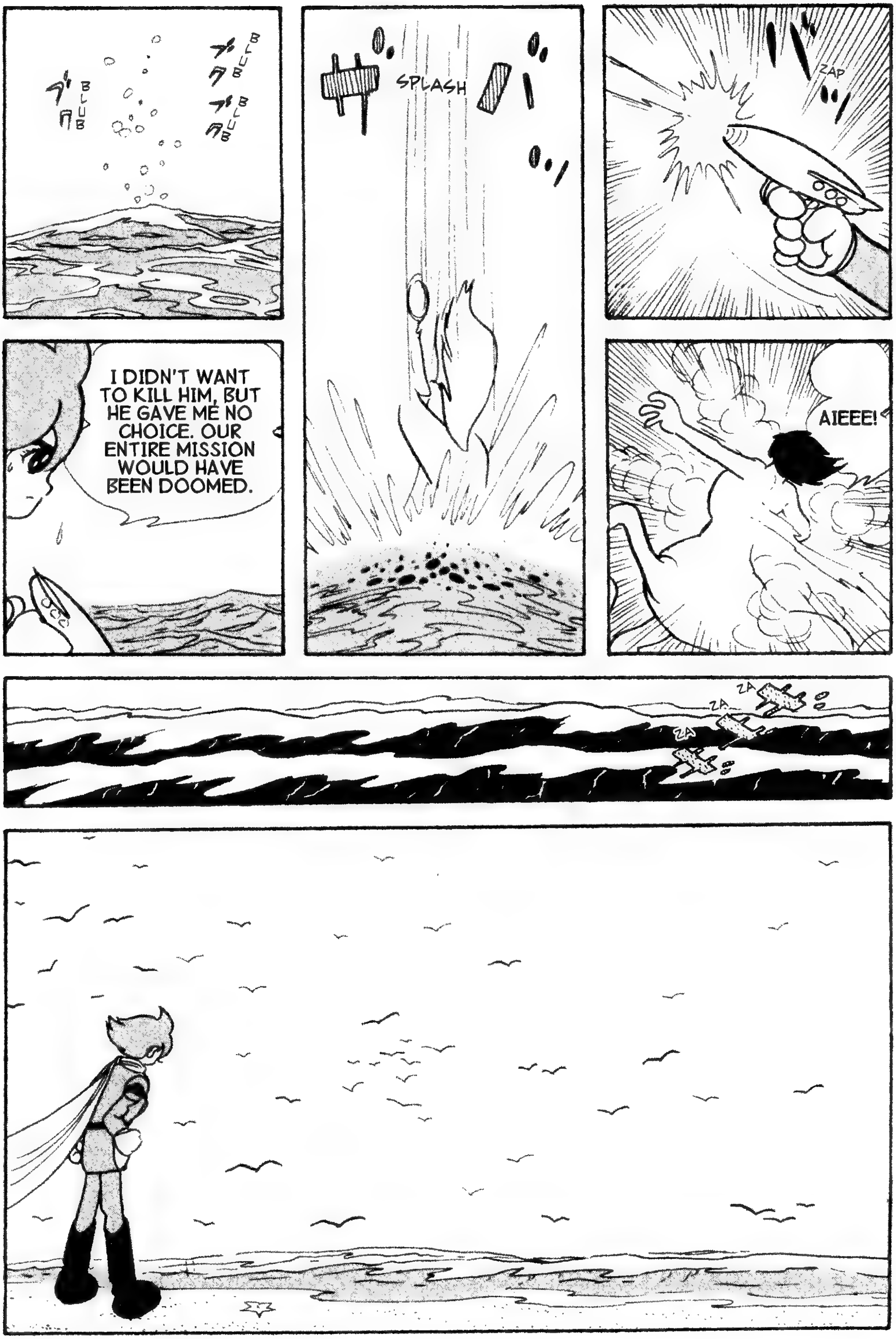

I THOUGHT THAT PACHYDERM HAD MY NUMBER!
KRAK
バキッ
KLAK
カラ
KLAK
カラ
SO, WHAT'S NEXT IN THIS ZOO OF ADVERSARIES?
WE KEEP MOVING TOWARD THAT DOME. IT MUST BE THEIR BASE.
003, IS THERE ANYTHING YOU CAN TELL US FROM HERE?
IT'S GOING TO BE VERY **DANGEROUS.**
I MEAN, I KIND OF ASSUMED IT'D BE **DANGEROUS.**
ANYTHING IN PARTICULAR WE SHOULD LOOK OUT FOR?


I TRIED ASKING HIM...
...BUT HE WAS NO HELP.
AH!
WHAT IF SOMEONE WERE TO DISGUISE THEMSELVES AS HIM?
KI KI KI KI KI!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
HE HE HE! WE GET SOMEONE ON THE INSIDE.
I'LL TRANSFORM INTO THIS GUY. NO ONE WILL EVER SUSPECT IT.
I'VE GOT A BETTER IDEA!
WHAT IF I WERE TAKEN CAPTIVE?
EH?
THESE TWO CAN TAKE ME IN AS THEIR PRISONER!
?
AH, I GET IT!
THEN, ONCE YOU GET INSIDE THE DOME, YOU CAN TELL ME EXACTLY WHAT'S GOING ON IN THERE!
HMMM. THAT'S BONKERS ENOUGH TO WORK. I COULDN'T HAVE DEVISED A BETTER PLAN MYSELF.
OH, EVEN YOU HAVE YOUR MOMENTS, 007. LET'S HURRY!

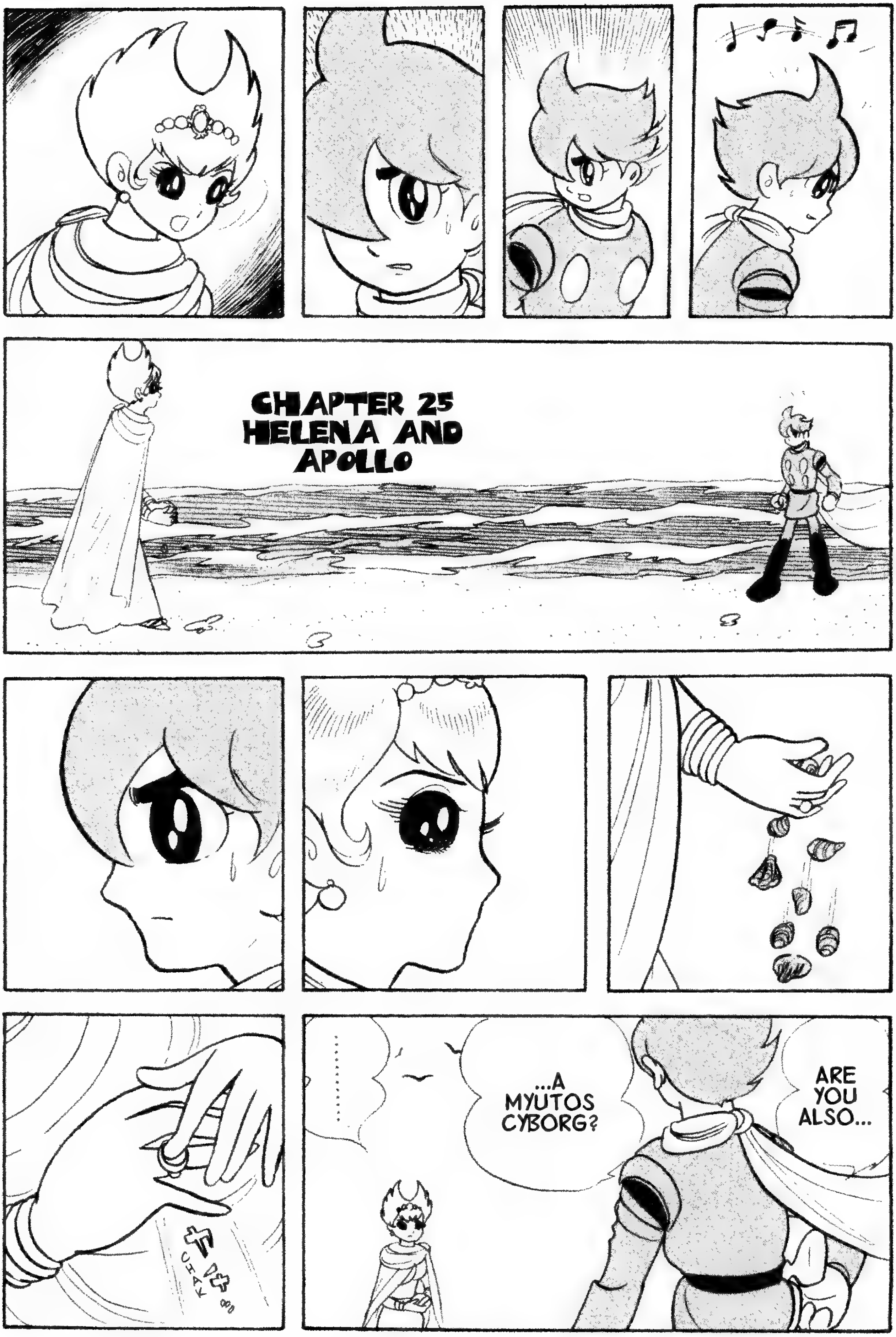

B-BUT, 003! DO YOU THINK IT'S SAFE?
ARE YOU KIDDING? I'LL BE WITH MY TWO PROTECTORS.
YEAH, JOE...
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT?
SHE'S WITH THE IRON HIPPO.
AND IF THAT ISN'T ENOUGH...
...WELL THEN, I'LL HAVE TO GET NASTY.
NASTY?
DON'T WORRY!
I KNOW THAT I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE CAPABLE OF FIGHTING BLACK GHOST...
...BUT I CAN'T HELP BUT THINK THEY'LL NEED ME SOONER OR LATER.
WHA...?!
I HEARD EVERYTHING! YOUR ENTIRE PLAN!
DAMMIT!

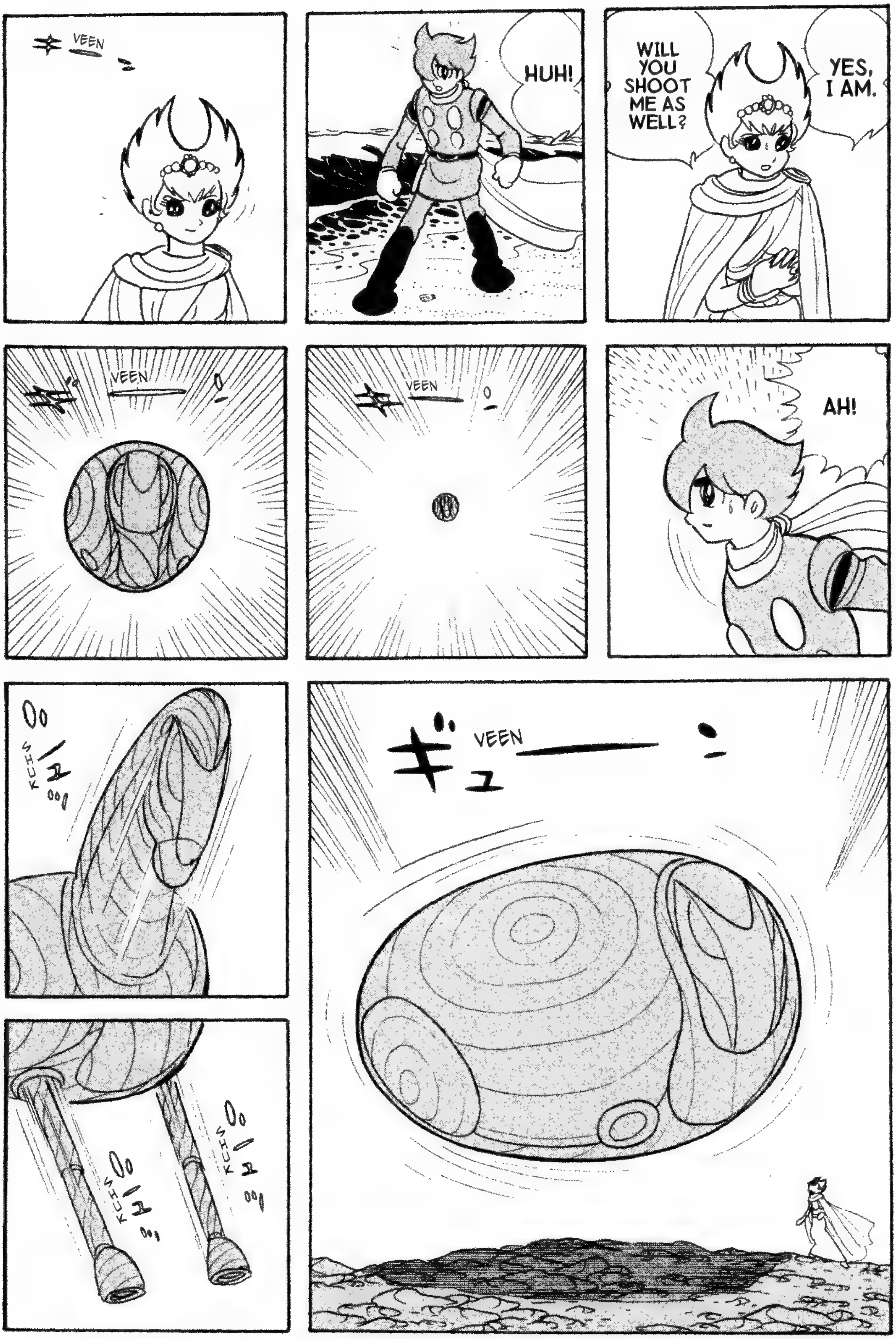

I'LL GET YOU!
SHUP
WZZ
UGH, UGH!
WHAK
WHAK
WAH!
WHAK
GOT HIM!

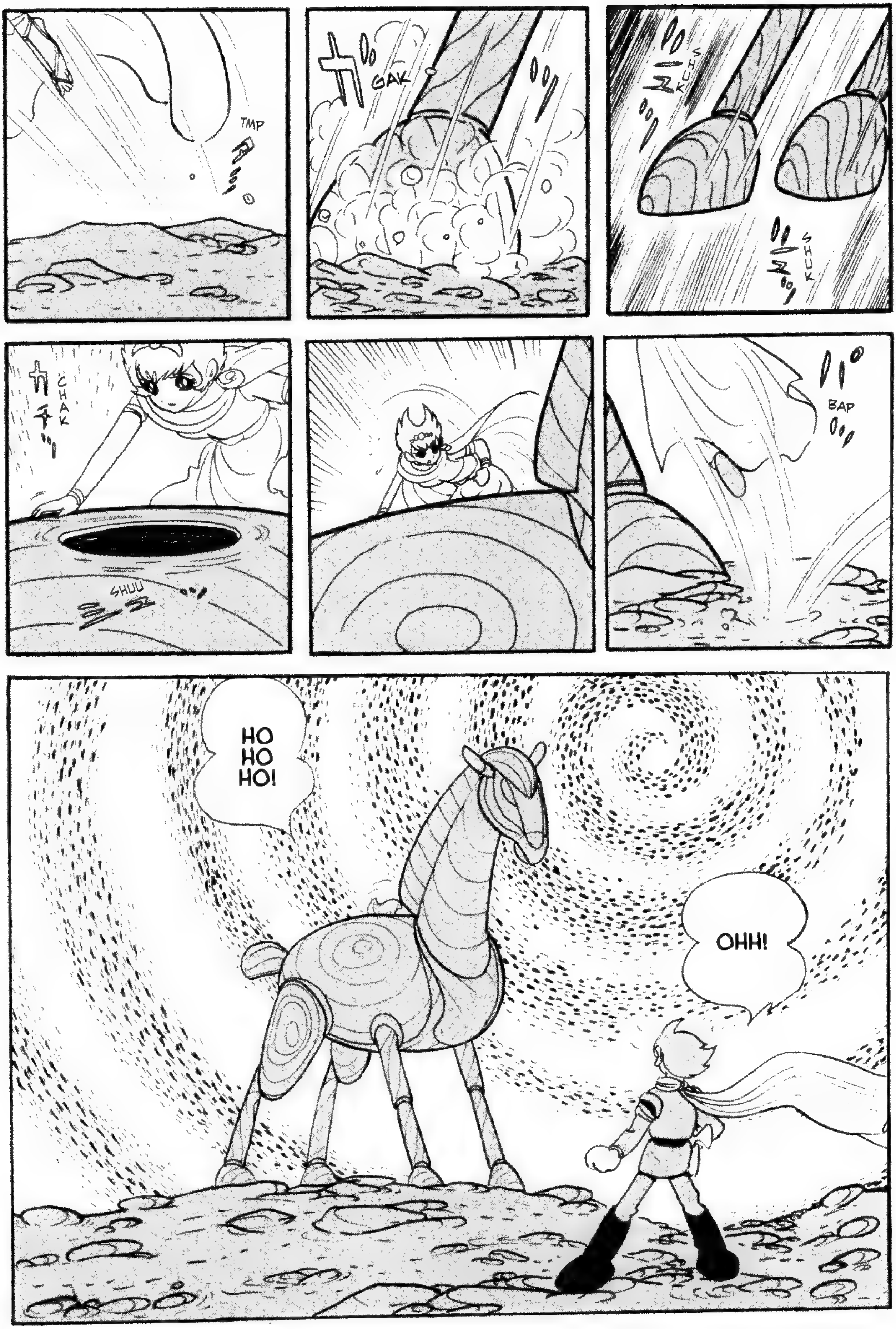

WAK
GOT WHO?
THUD
WAK
AGH!
POW
SHUU
SHUK
ZZT
YOU!
DO
DO
DO
OOOF.

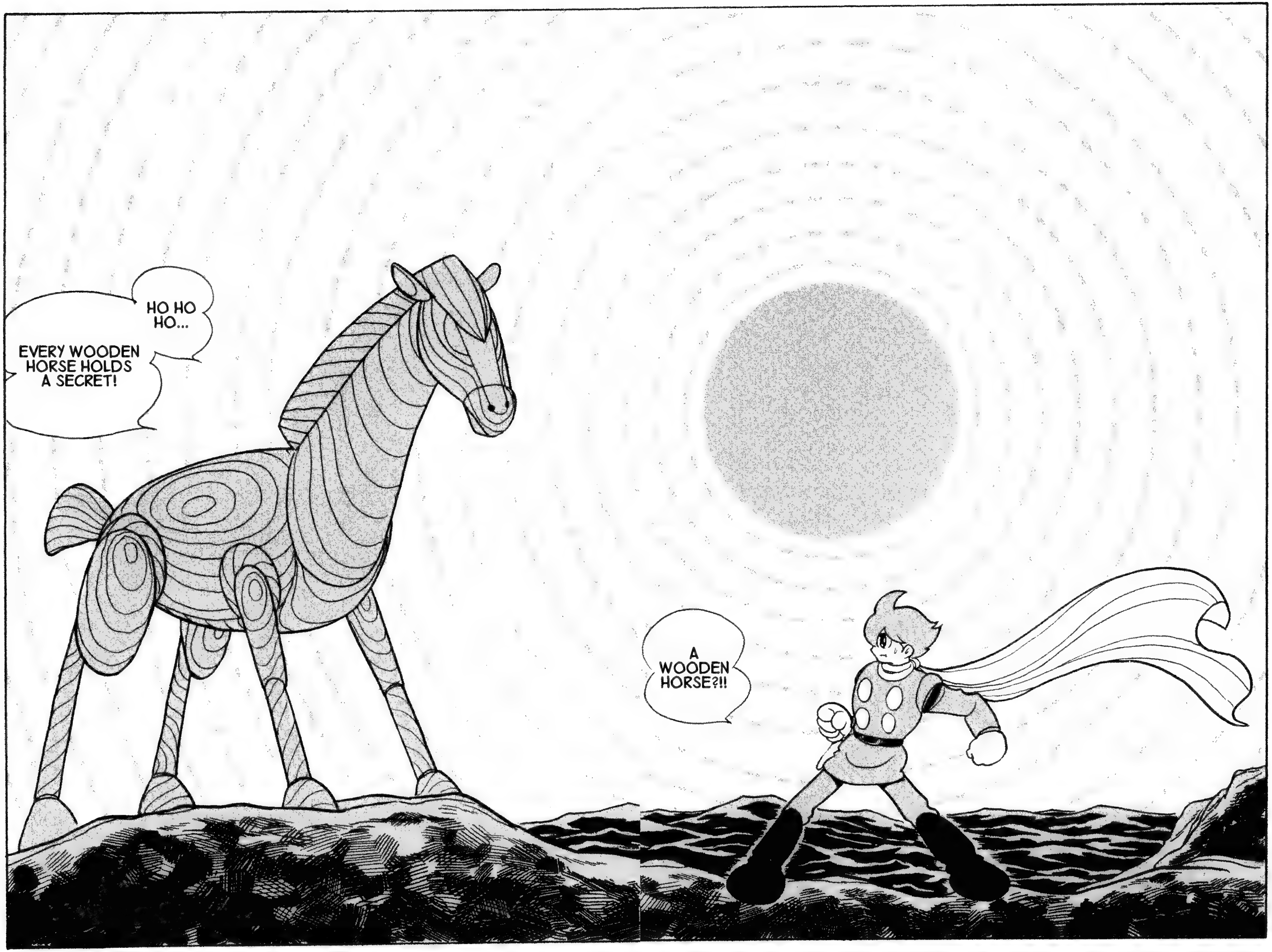

BLUB
BLUB
BLUB
SPLASH
ZAP
AIEEE!
I DIDN'T WANT TO KILL HIM, BUT HE GAVE ME NO CHOICE. OUR ENTIRE MISSION WOULD HAVE BEEN DOOMED.
ZA
ZA
ZA

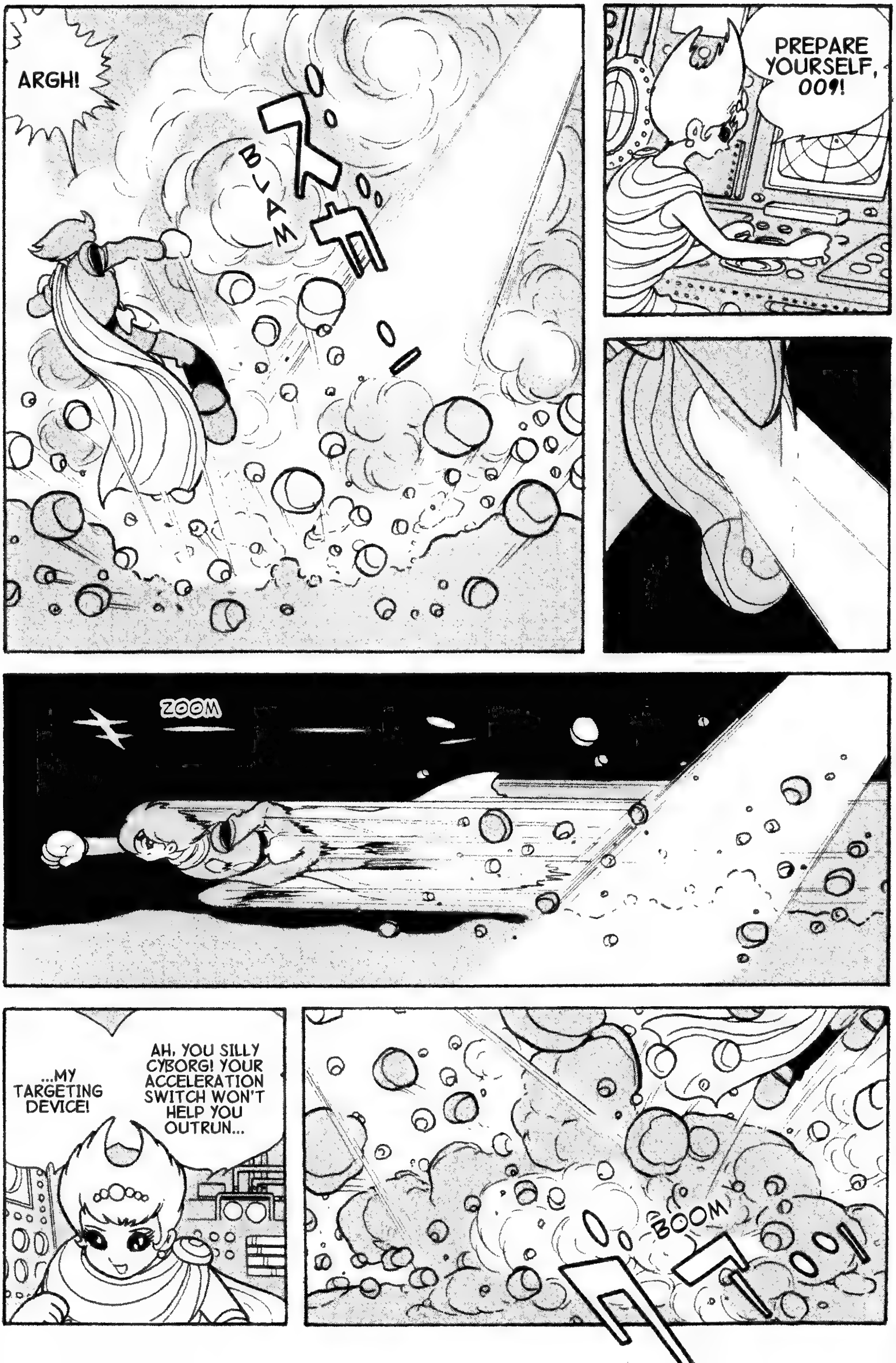
CHAPTER 25
HELENA AND APOLLO

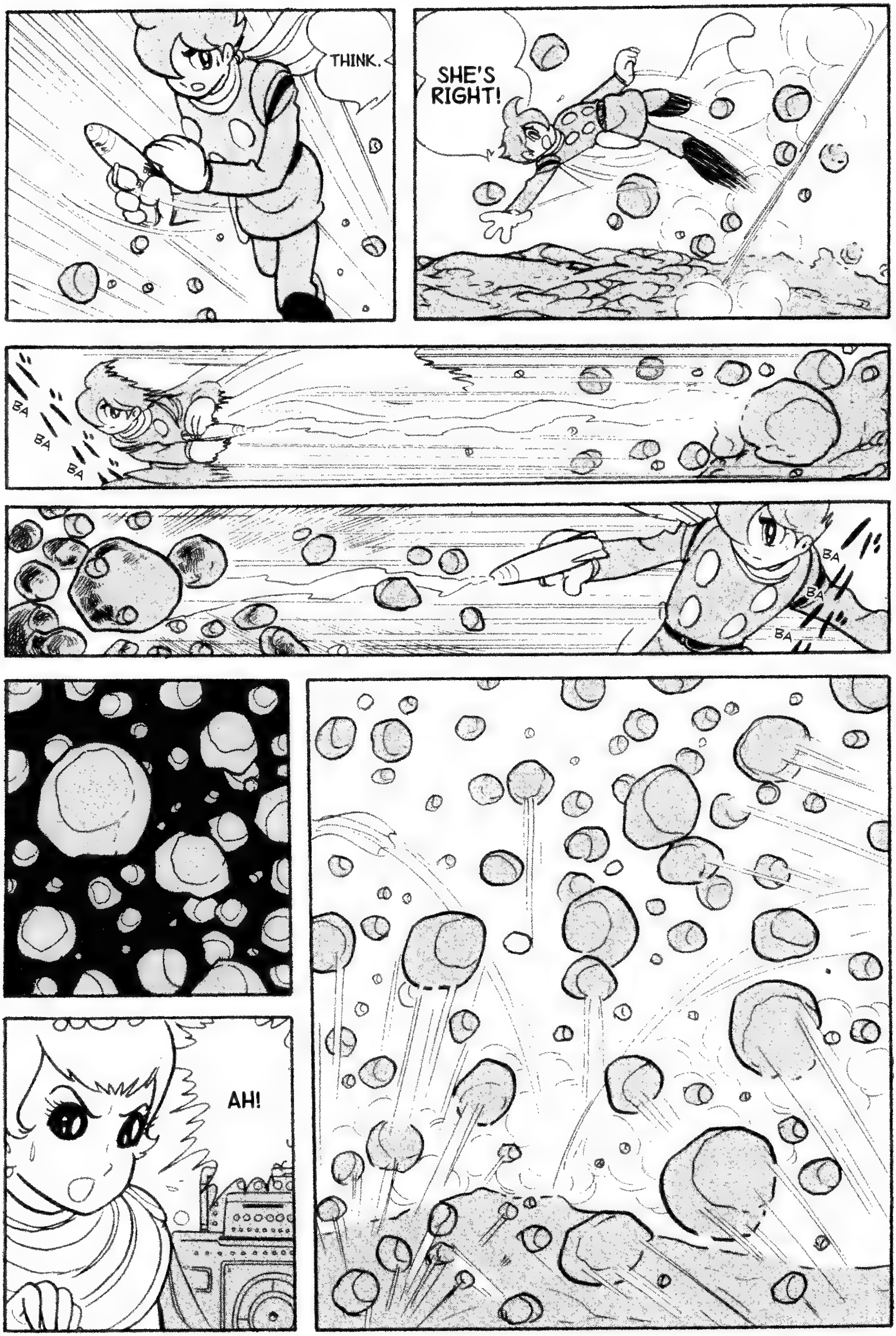

ARE YOU ALSO...
...A MYUTOS CYBORG?
....
CHAK

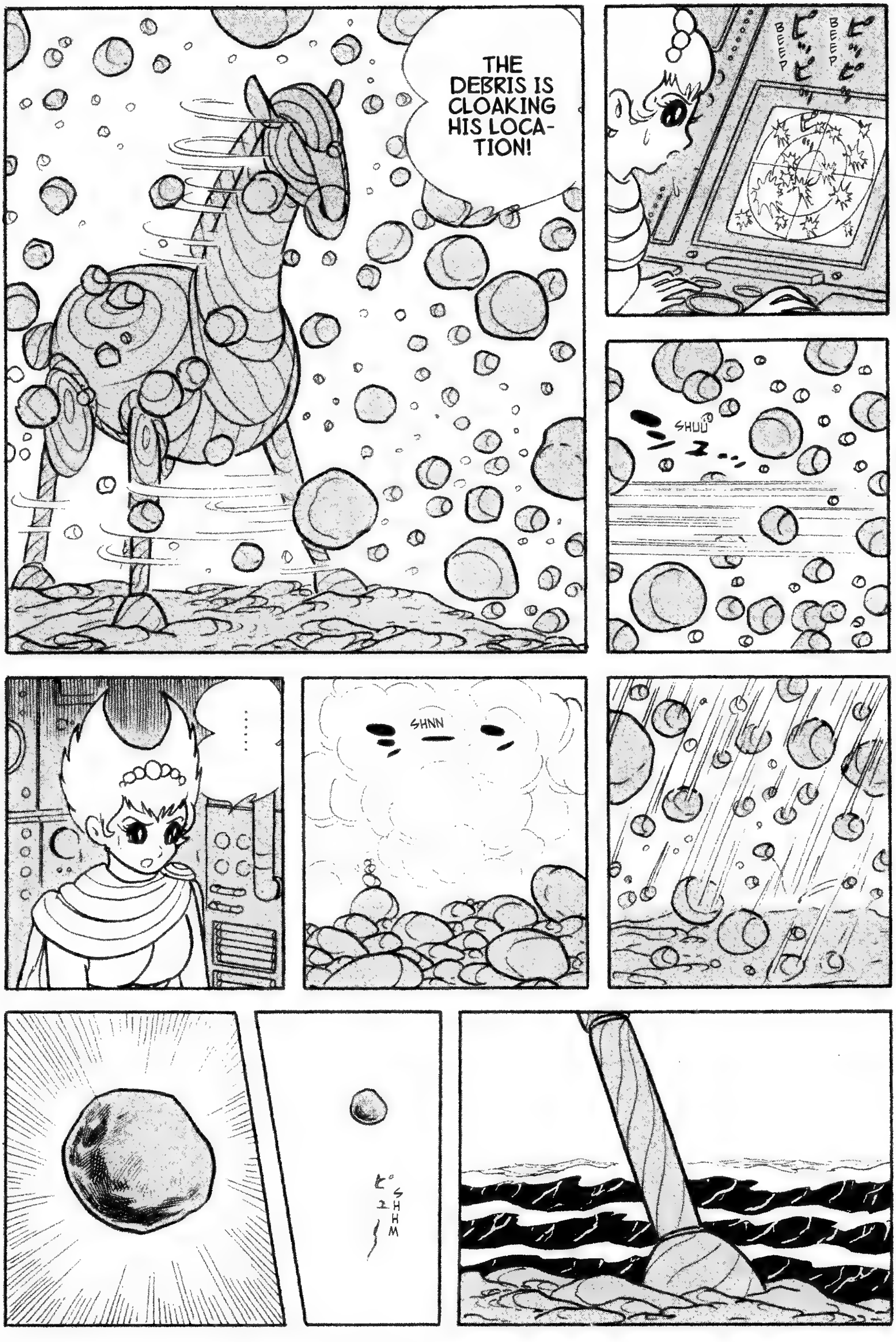

ギューン VEEN
HUH!
WILL YOU SHOOT ME AS WELL?
YES, I AM.
ギューン VEEN
ギューン VEEN
AH!
シュ SHUK
ギューン VEEN
シュ SHUK
シュ SHUK

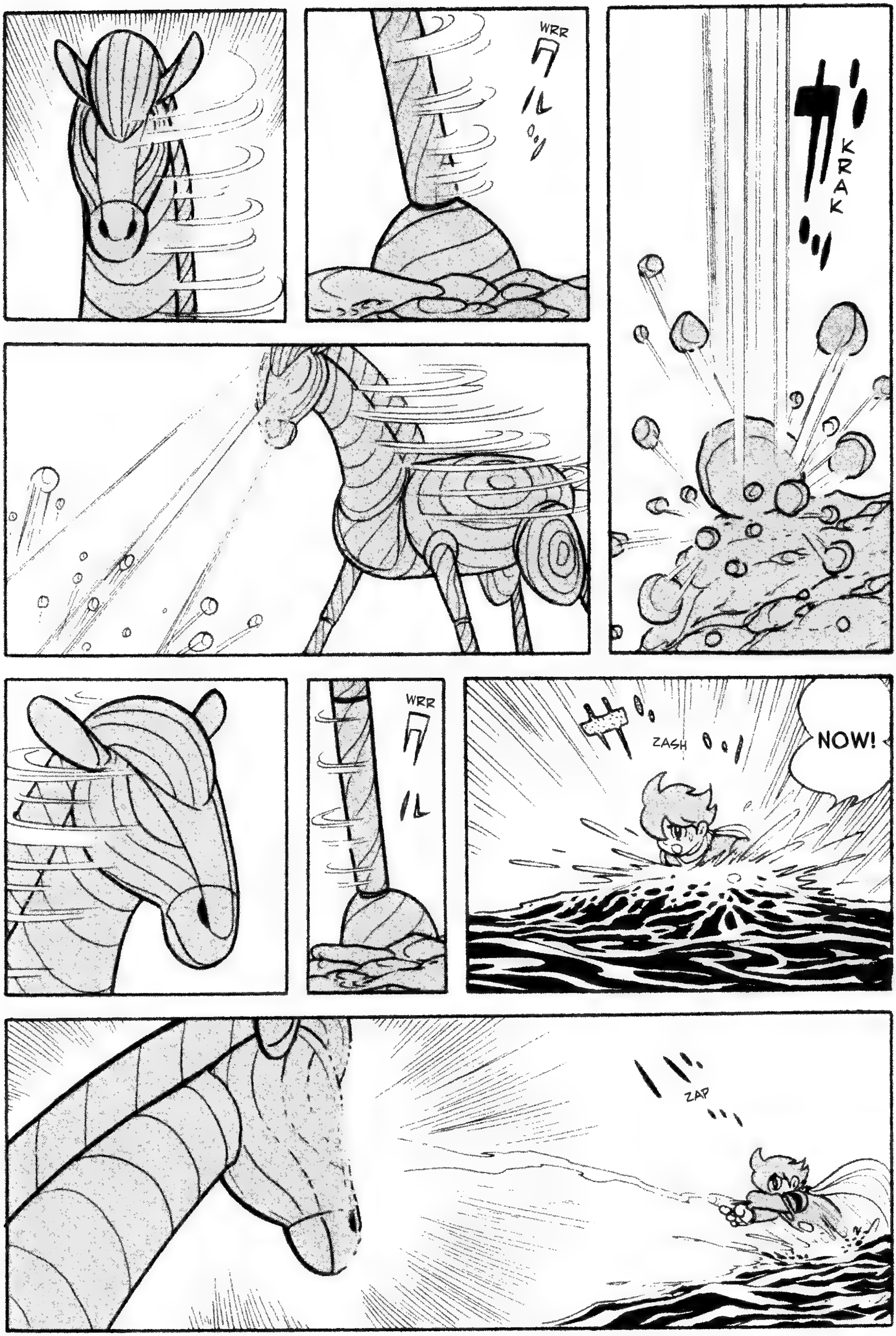

TMP
GAK
SHUK
SHUK
CHAK
SHUU
BAP
HO HO HO!
OHH!

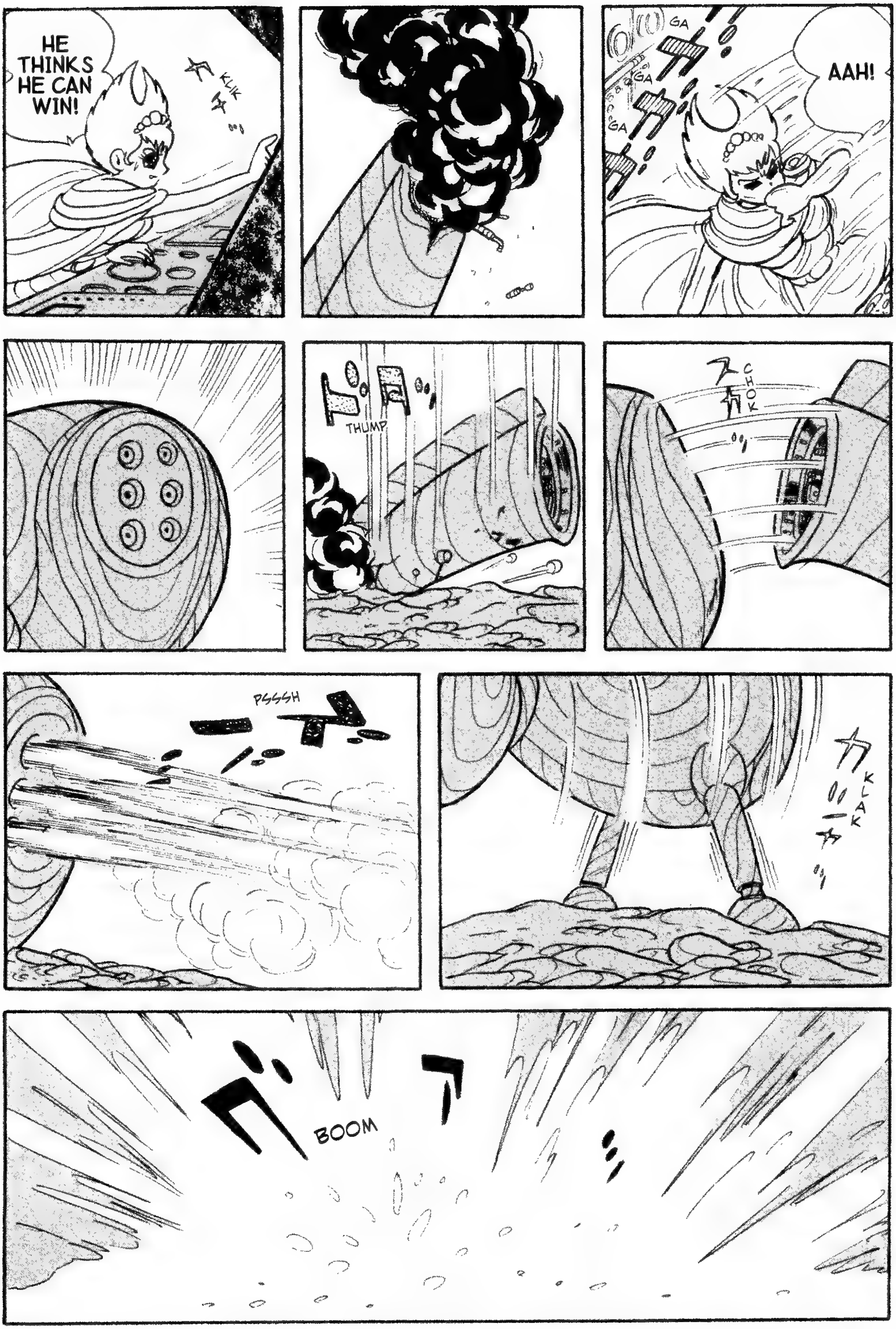

A WOODEN HORSE?!!
HO HO HO...
EVERY WOODEN HORSE HOLDS A SECRET!

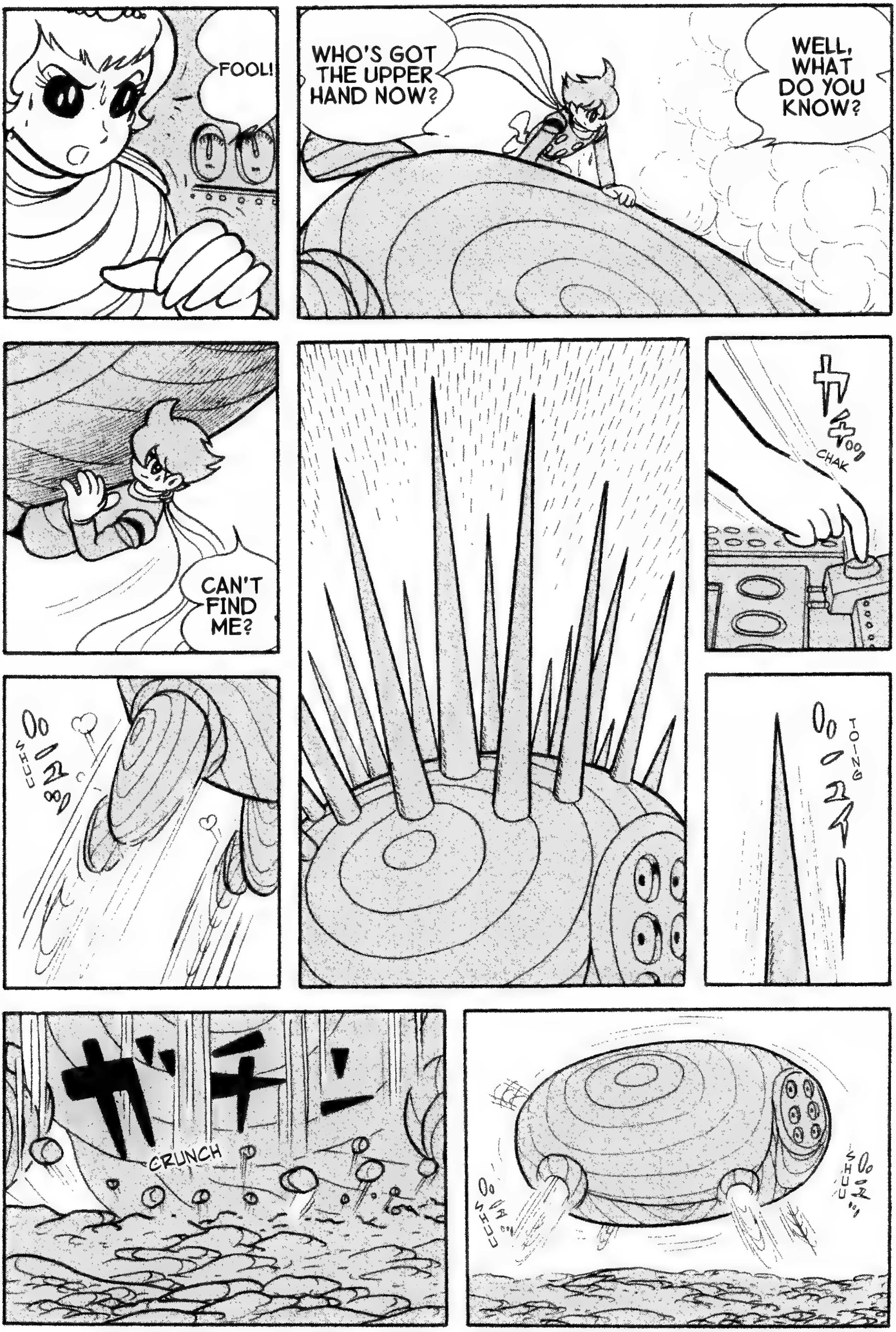

PREPARE YOURSELF, 009!
ARGH!
BLAM
ZOOM
BOOM
AH, YOU SILLY CYBORG! YOUR ACCELERATION SWITCH WON'T HELP YOU OUTRUN...
...MY TARGETING DEVICE!

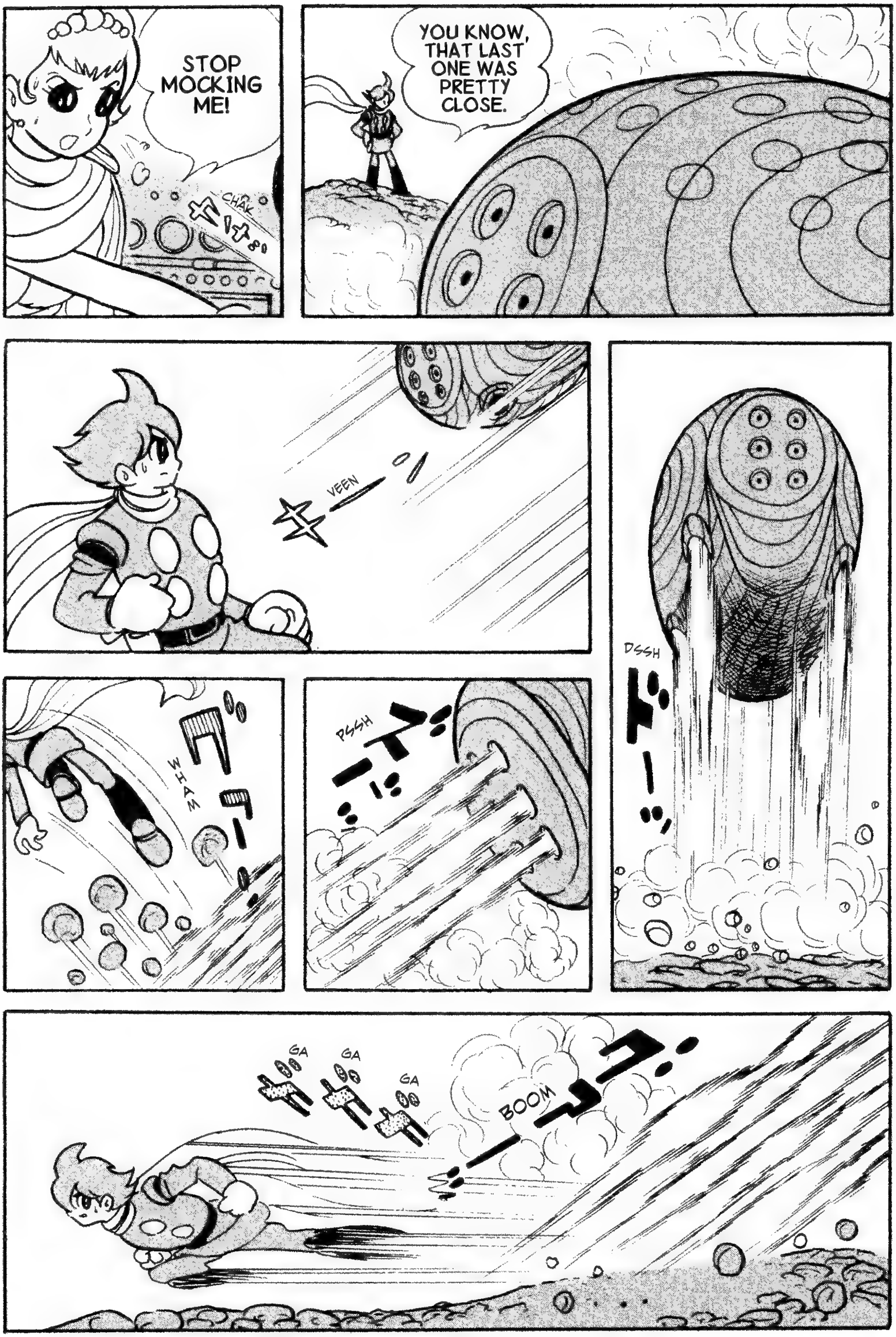

THINK.
SHE'S RIGHT!
BA BA BA
BA BA BA
AH!

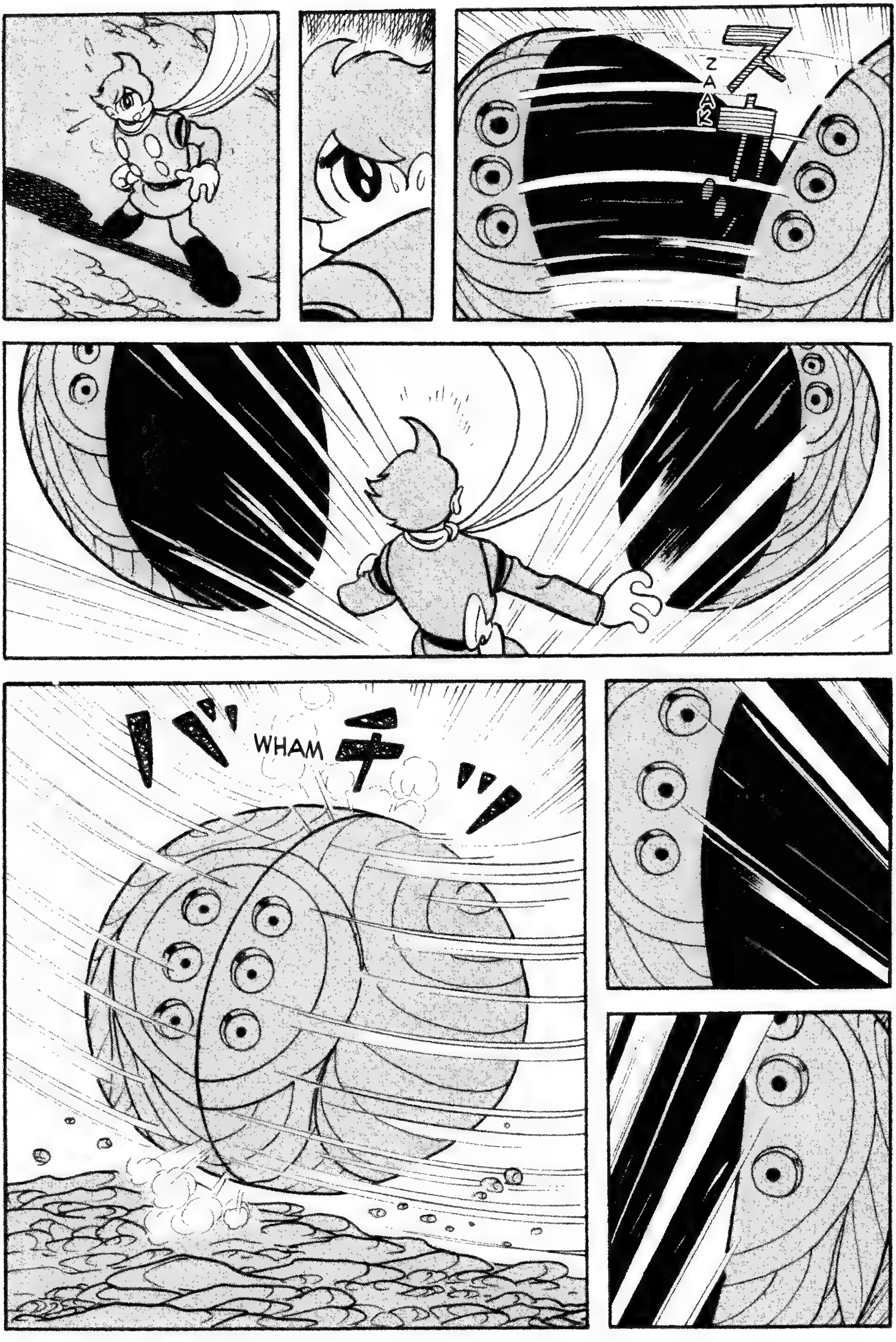

ピッピッ BEEP
ピッピッ BEEP
THE DEBRIS IS CLOAKING HIS LOCATION!
SHUU
......
SHNN
ピュ〜 SHHM

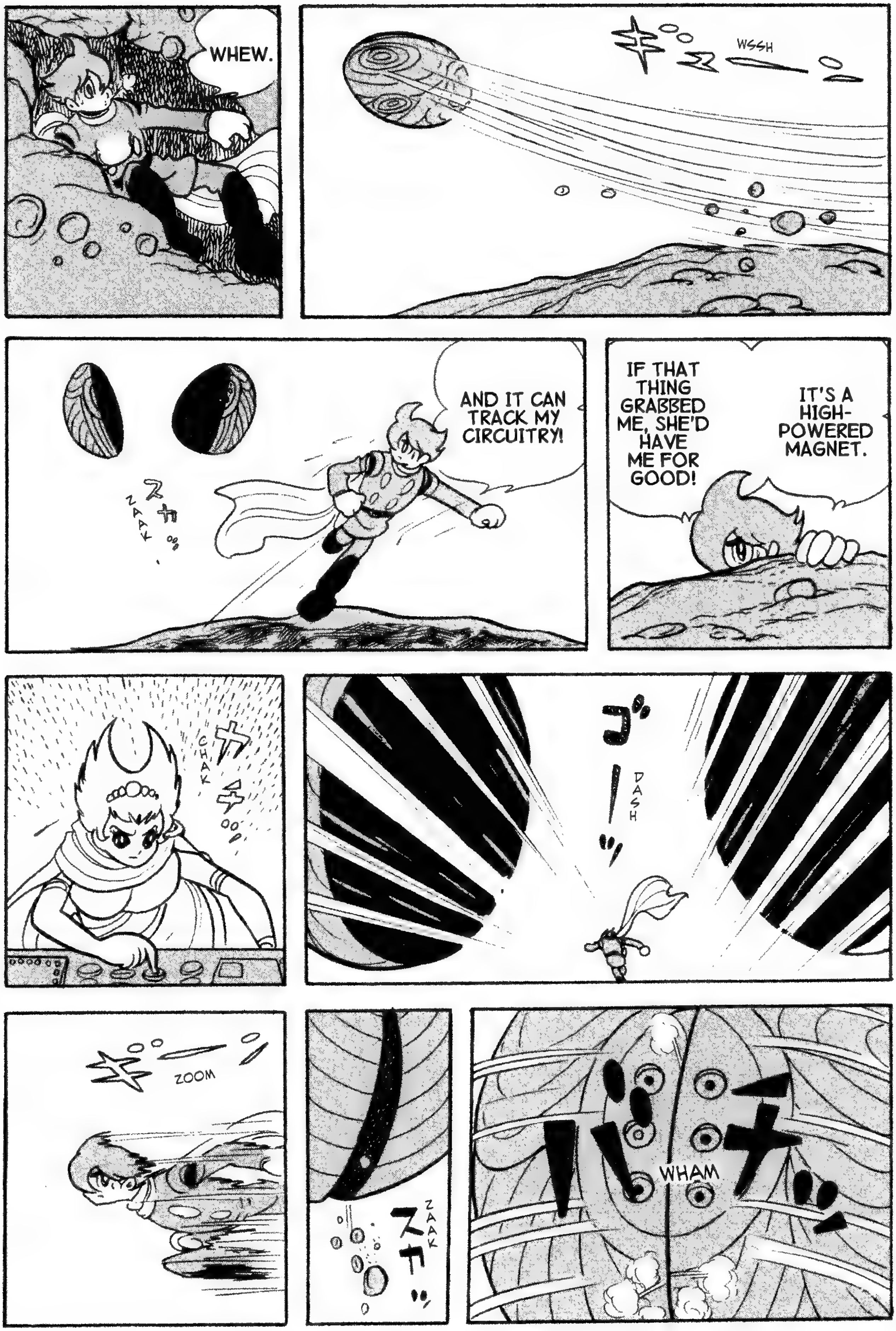
ガッ
KRAK
WRR
ワル
WRR
ワル
ZASH
NOW!
ZAP

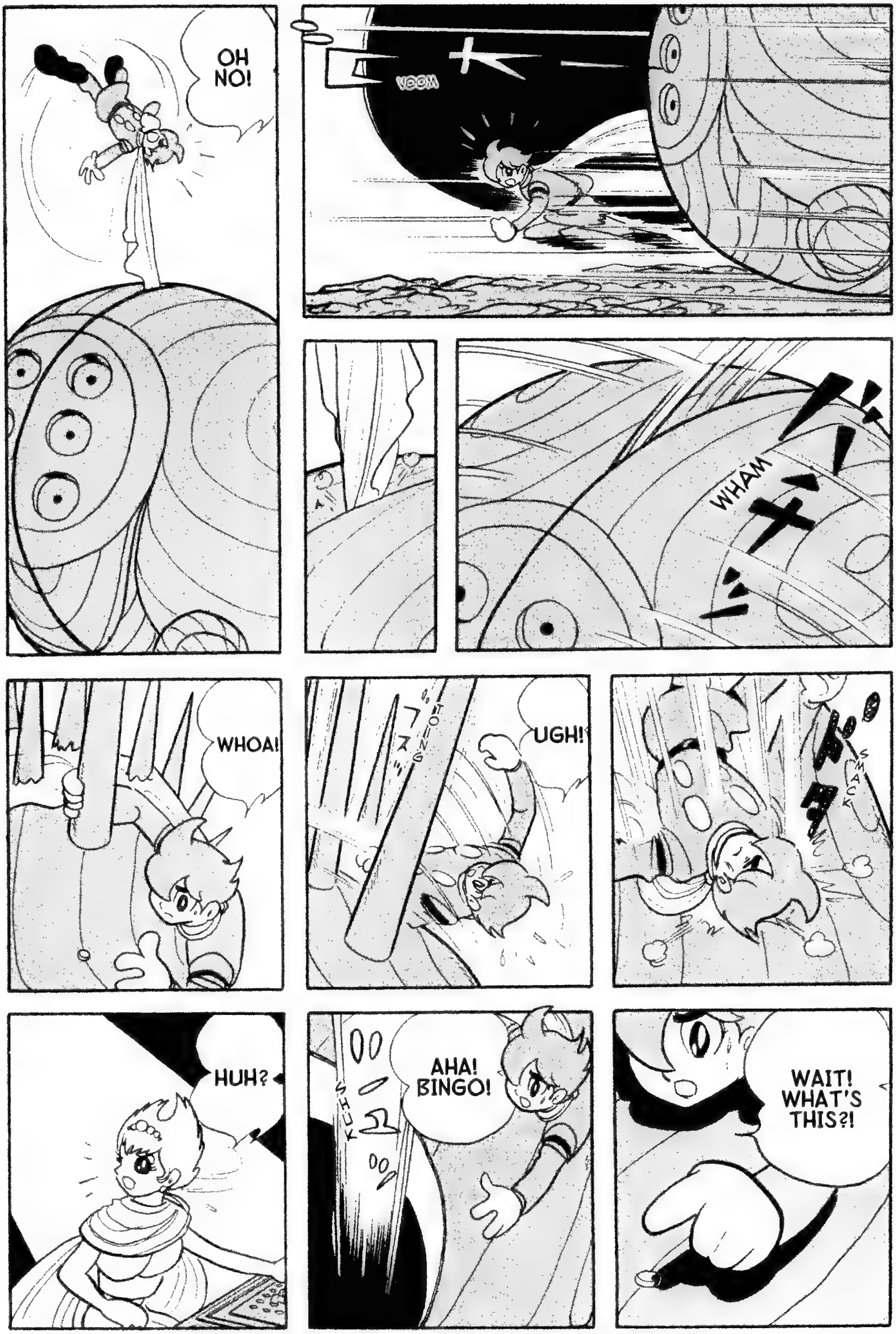

HE THINKS HE CAN WIN!
KLIK
GA
GA
GA
AAH!
THUMP
CHOK
PSSSH
KLAK
BOOM

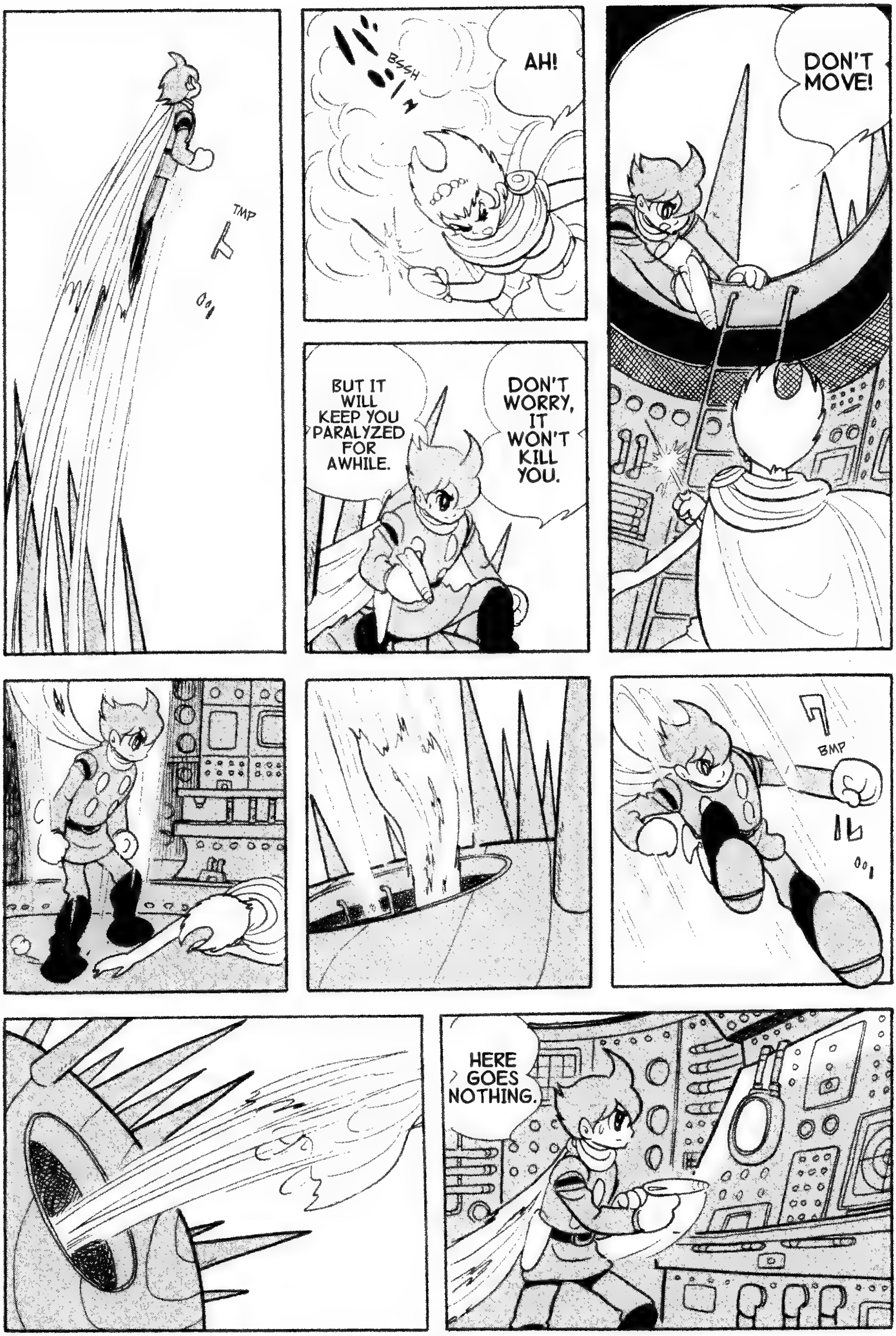

FOOL!
WHO'S GOT THE UPPER HAND NOW?
WELL, WHAT DO YOU KNOW?
CAN'T FIND ME?
ガチャ
CHAK
SHUU
TOING
ガチーン
CRUNCH
SHUU
SHUU

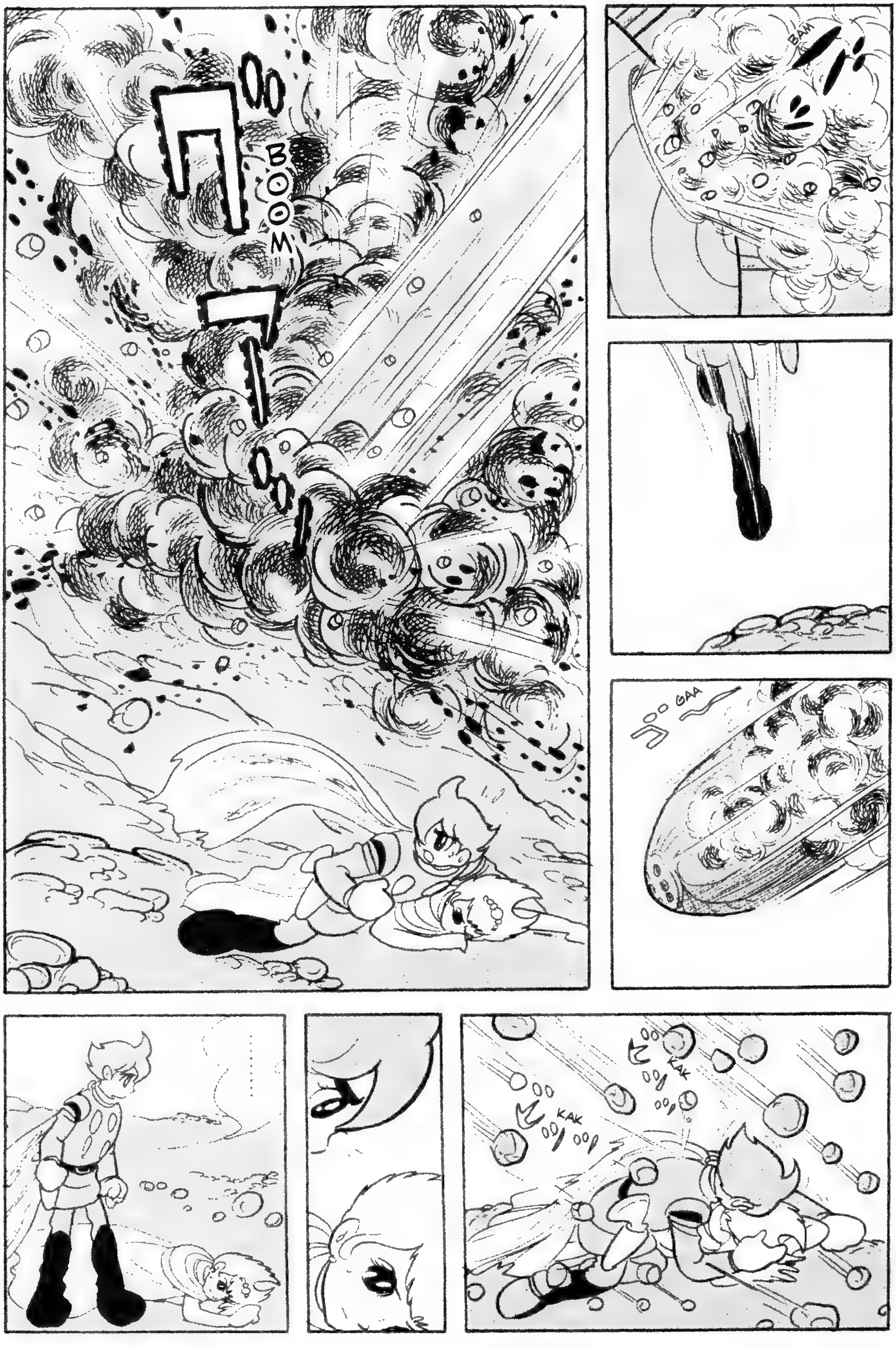

YOU KNOW, THAT LAST ONE WAS PRETTY CLOSE.
STOP MOCKING ME!
CHAK
DSSH
VEEN
PSSH
WHAM
BOOM
GA
GA
GA

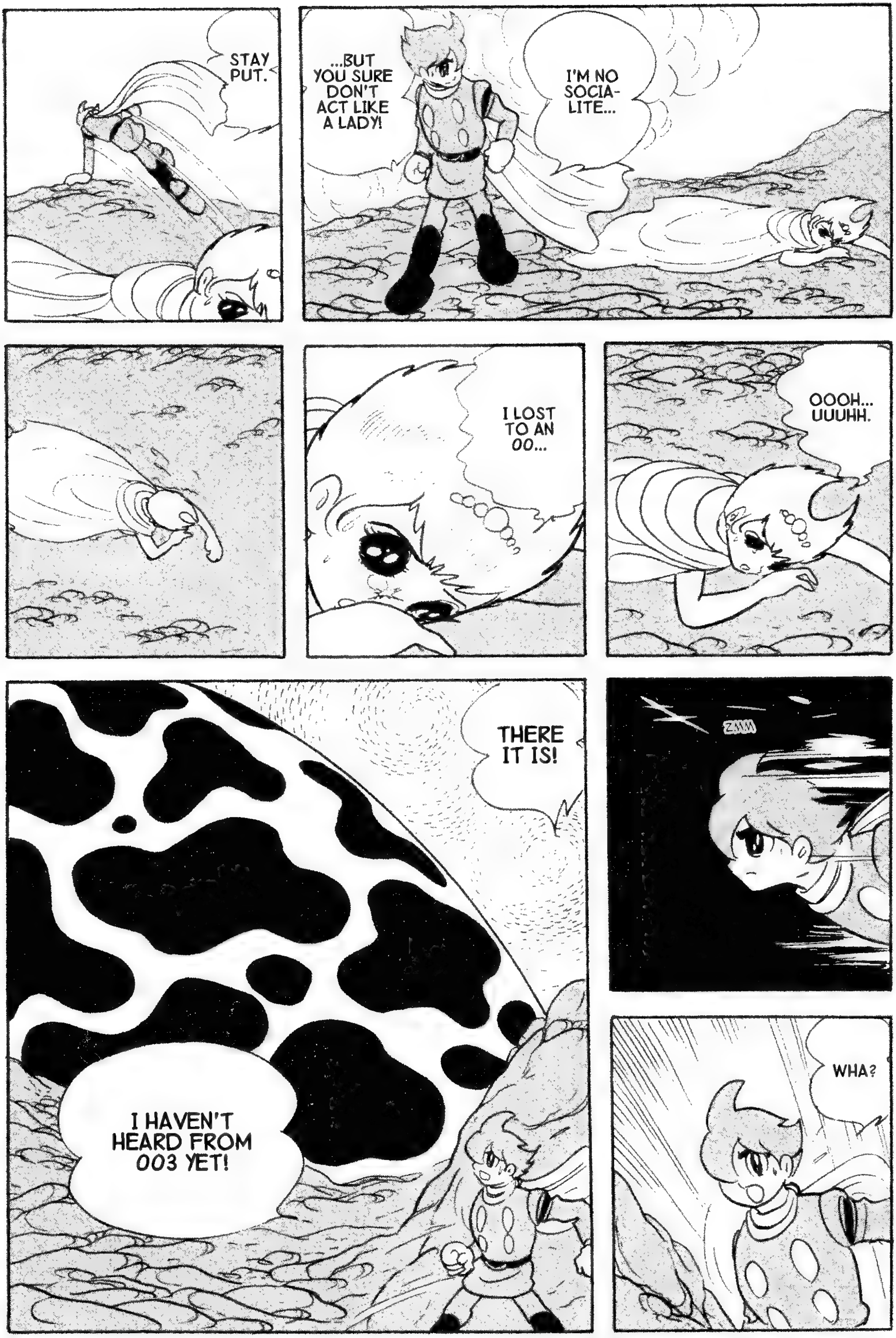

ZAAK
バチッ
WHAM

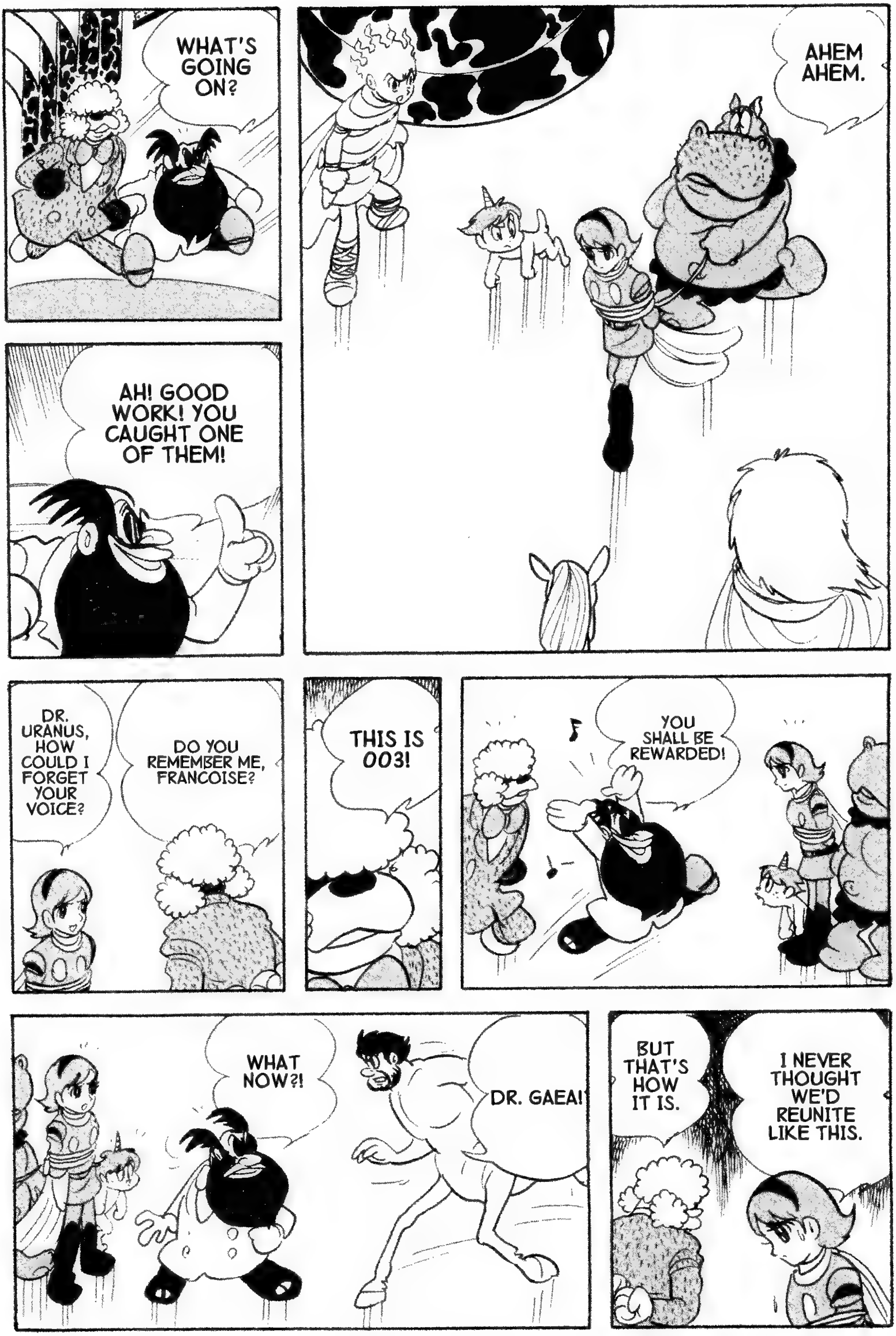

WSSH
WHEW.
IT'S A HIGH-POWERED MAGNET.
IF THAT THING GRABBED ME, SHE'D HAVE ME FOR GOOD!
AND IT CAN TRACK MY CIRCUITRY!
ZAAK
DASH
CHAK
WHAM
ZAAK
ZOOM

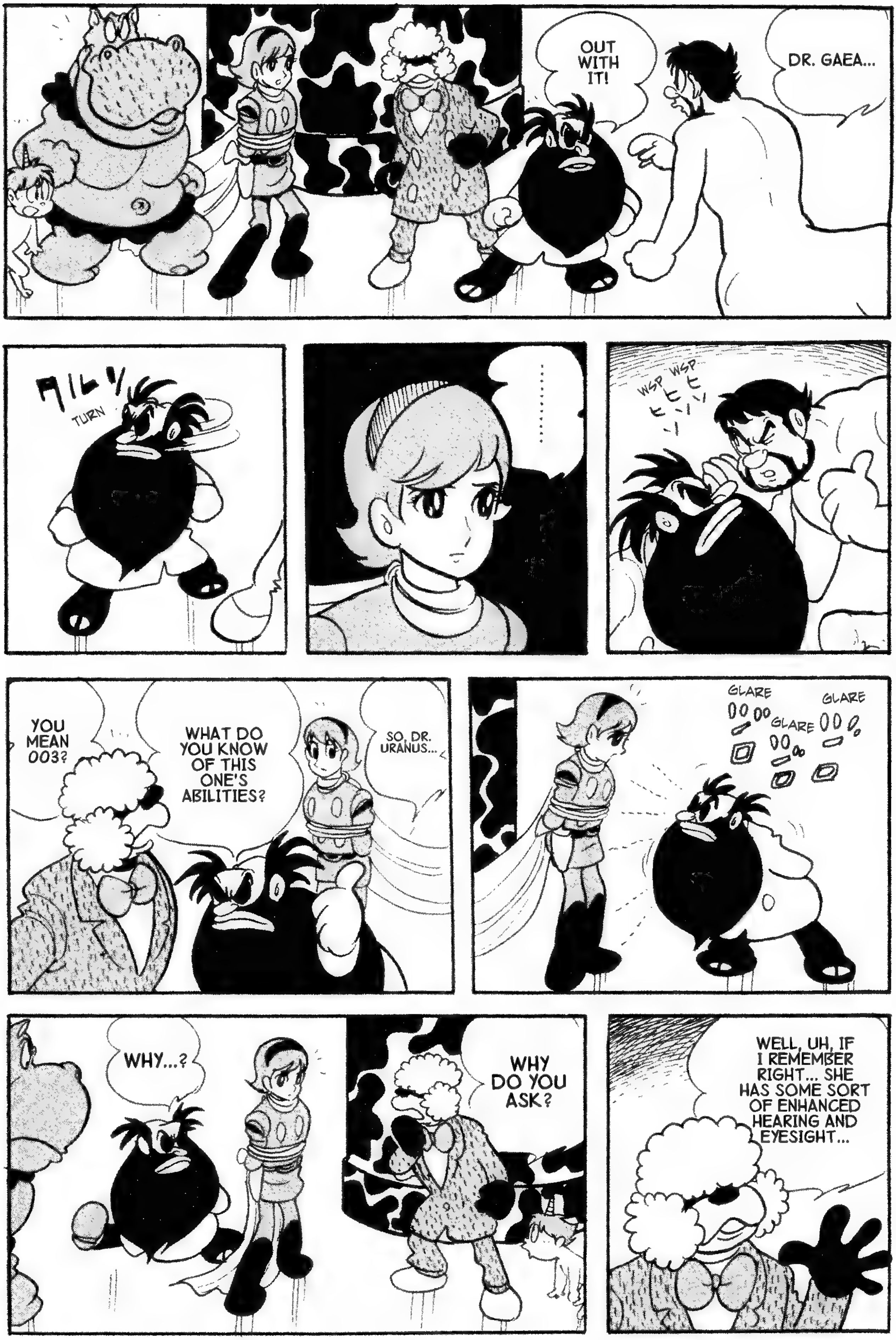

OH NO!
VOOM
WHAM
WHOA!
UGH!
TOING
SMACK
HUH?
AHA! BINGO!
SHUK
WAIT! WHAT'S THIS?!

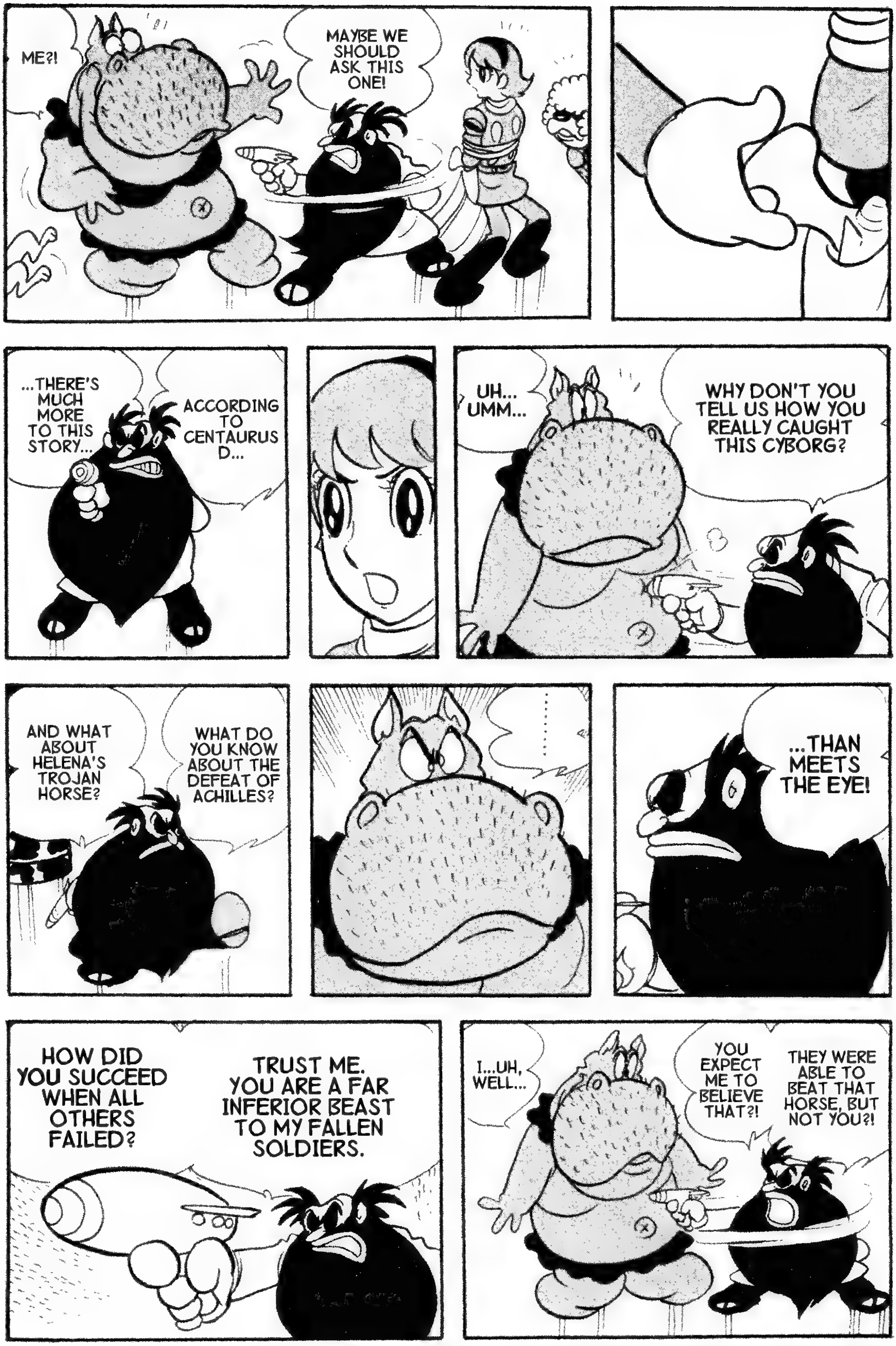

DON'T MOVE!
AH!
BSSH
DON'T WORRY, IT WON'T KILL YOU.
BUT IT WILL KEEP YOU PARALYZED FOR AWHILE.
TMP
BMP
HERE GOES NOTHING.

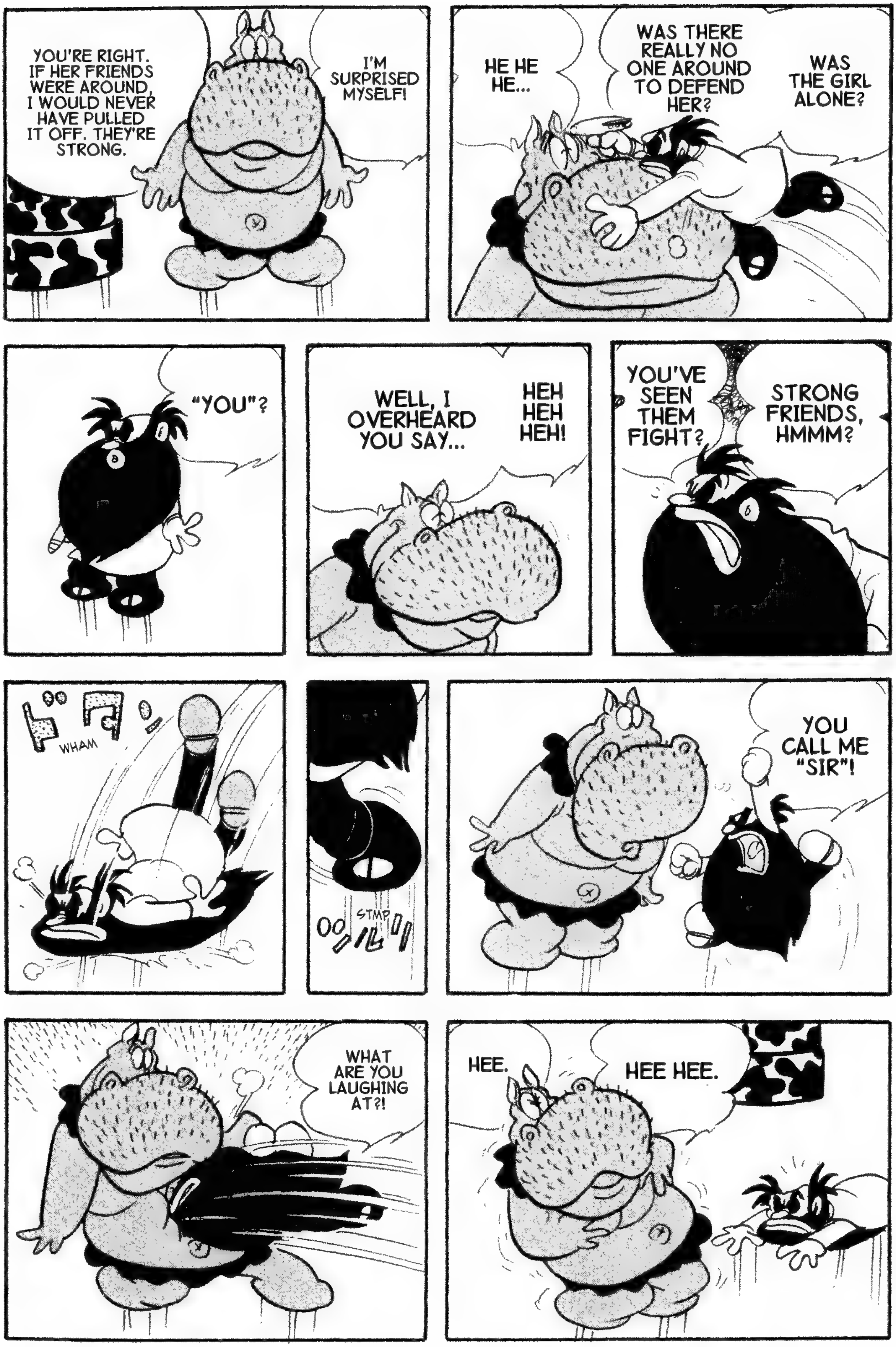

BOOM
BAM
GAA
KAK
KAK

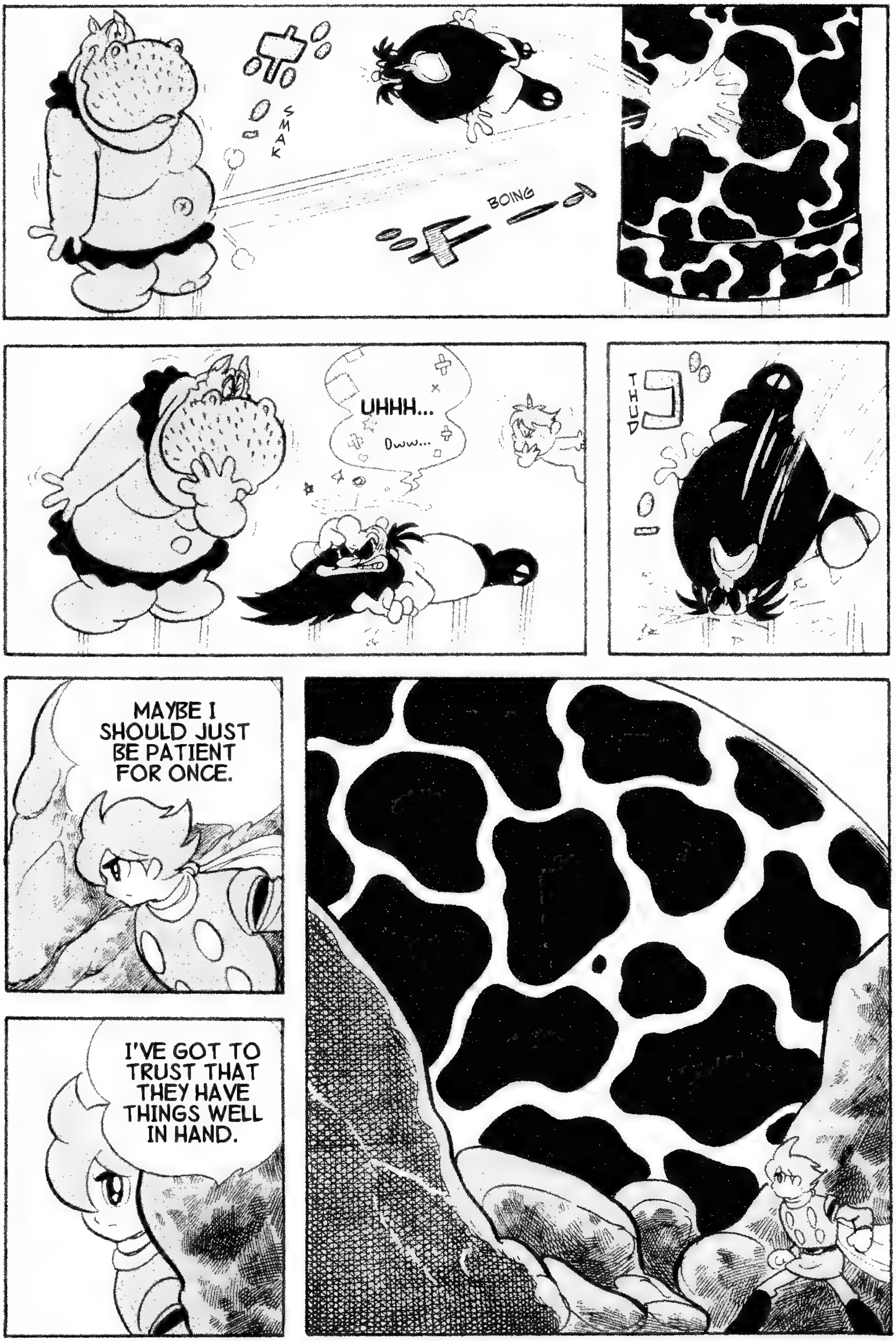

I'M NO SOCIALITE...
...BUT YOU SURE DON'T ACT LIKE A LADY!
STAY PUT.
OOOH... UUUHH.
I LOST TO AN 00...
ZMM
WHA?
THERE IT IS!
I HAVEN'T HEARD FROM 003 YET!

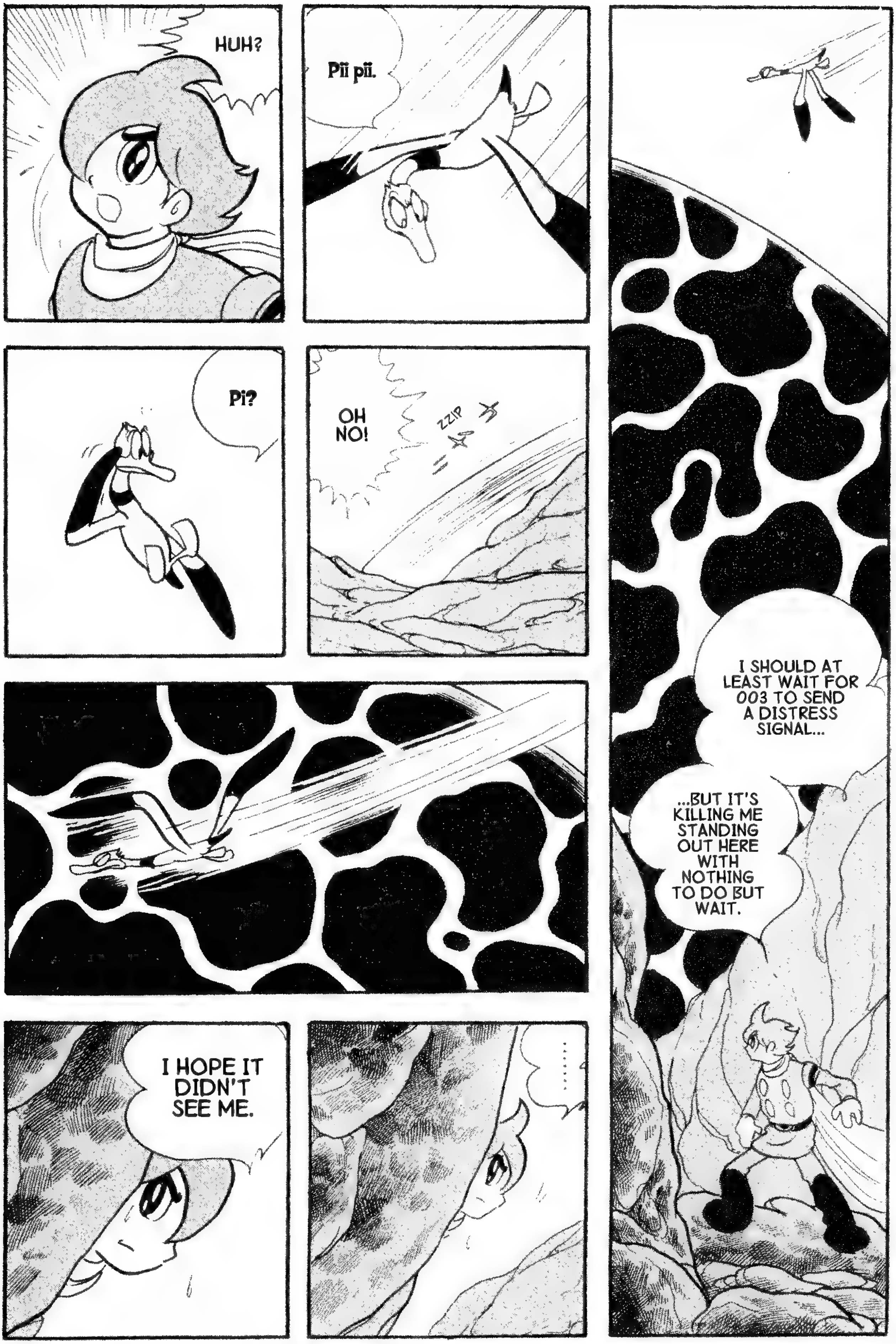

AHEM AHEM.
WHAT'S GOING ON?
AH! GOOD WORK! YOU CAUGHT ONE OF THEM!
YOU SHALL BE REWARDED!
THIS IS 003!
DO YOU REMEMBER ME, FRANCOISE?
DR. URANUS, HOW COULD I FORGET YOUR VOICE?
I NEVER THOUGHT WE'D REUNITE LIKE THIS.
BUT THAT'S HOW IT IS.
DR. GAEA!
WHAT NOW?!

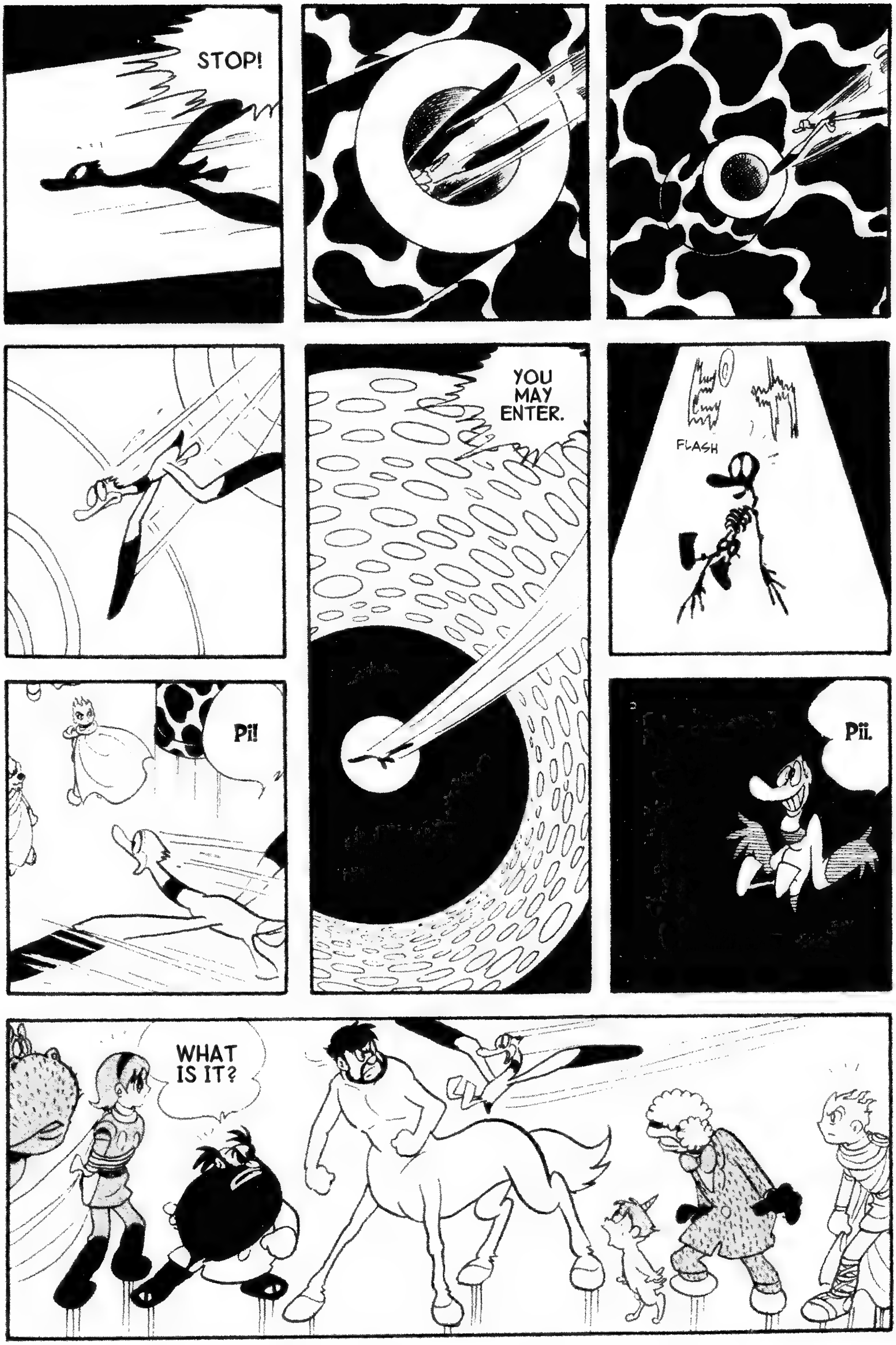

DR. GAEA...
OUT WITH IT!
ヒソヒソ WSP WSP
......
クルリ TURN
GLARE GLARE GLARE
SO, DR. URANUS...
WHAT DO YOU KNOW OF THIS ONE'S ABILITIES?
YOU MEAN 003?
WELL, UH, IF I REMEMBER RIGHT... SHE HAS SOME SORT OF ENHANCED HEARING AND EYESIGHT...
WHY DO YOU ASK?
WHY...?

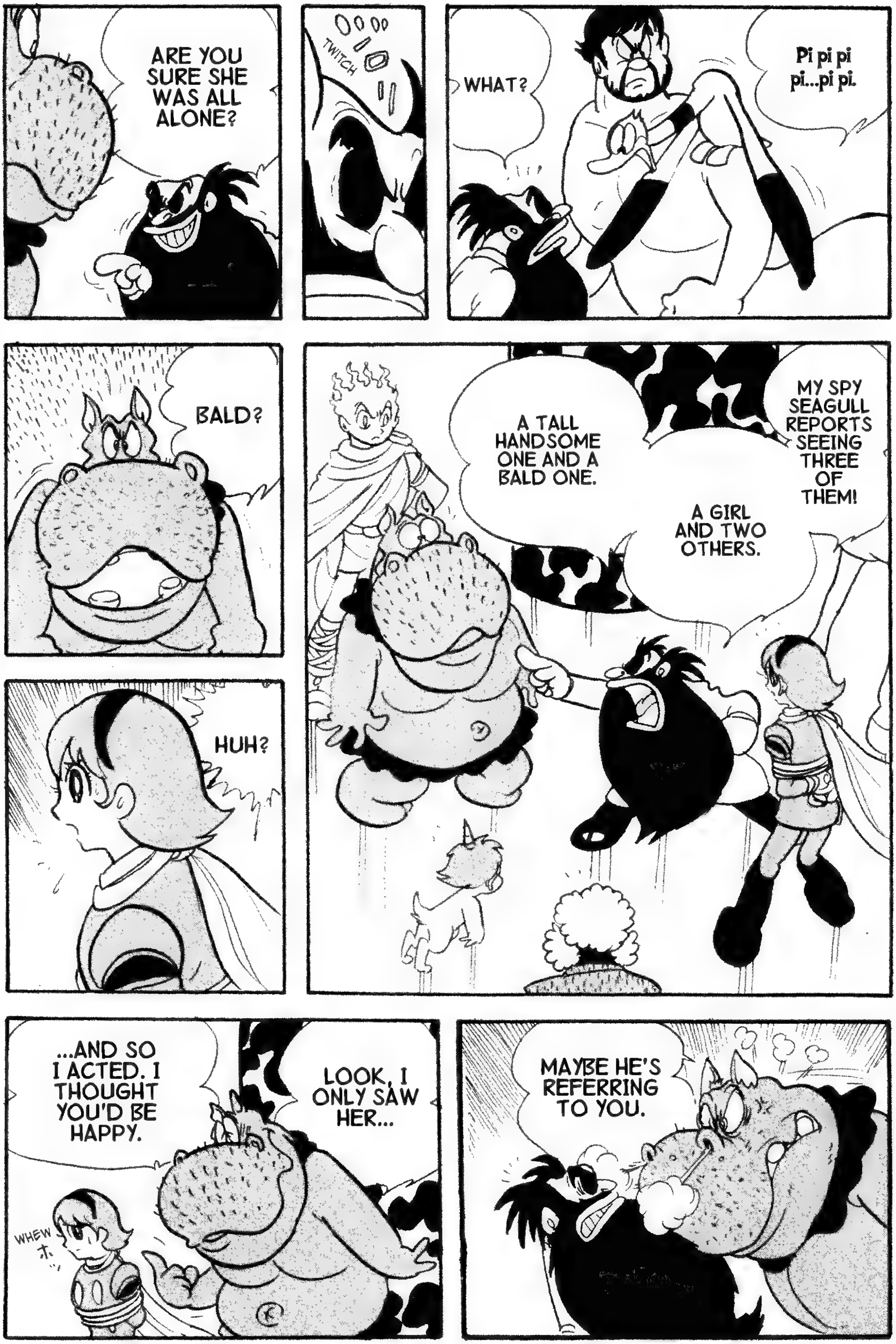

MAYBE WE SHOULD ASK THIS ONE!
ME?!
ACCORDING TO CENTAURUS D...
...THERE'S MUCH MORE TO THIS STORY...
WHY DON'T YOU TELL US HOW YOU REALLY CAUGHT THIS CYBORG?
UH... UMM...
WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE DEFEAT OF ACHILLES?
AND WHAT ABOUT HELENA'S TROJAN HORSE?
....
...THAN MEETS THE EYE!
HOW DID YOU SUCCEED WHEN ALL OTHERS FAILED?
TRUST ME. YOU ARE A FAR INFERIOR BEAST TO MY FALLEN SOLDIERS.
THEY WERE ABLE TO BEAT THAT HORSE, BUT NOT YOU?!
YOU EXPECT ME TO BELIEVE THAT?!
I...UH, WELL...

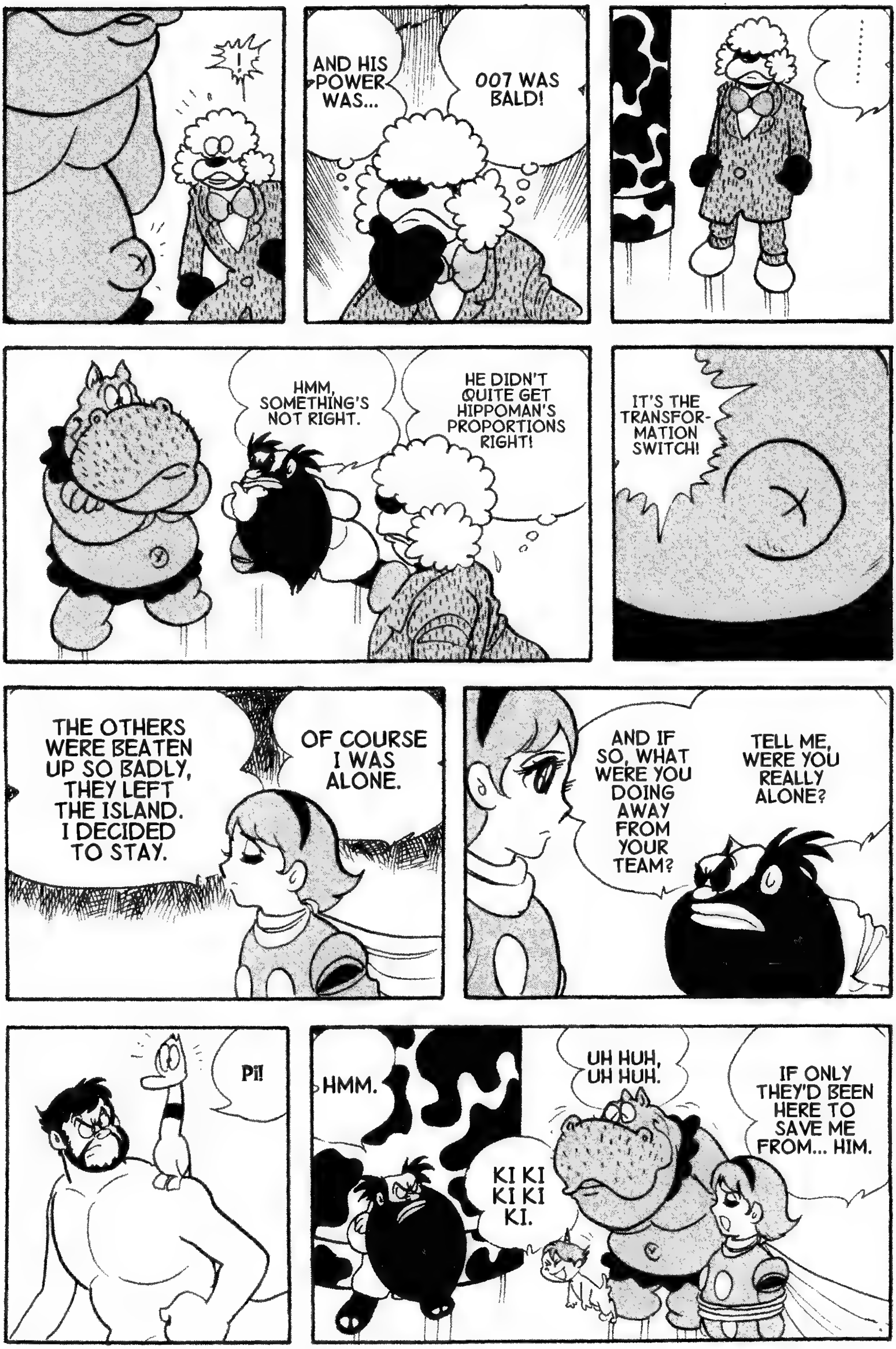

YOU'RE RIGHT. IF HER FRIENDS WERE AROUND, I WOULD NEVER HAVE PULLED IT OFF. THEY'RE STRONG.
I'M SURPRISED MYSELF!
HE HE HE...
WAS THERE REALLY NO ONE AROUND TO DEFEND HER?
WAS THE GIRL ALONE?
"YOU"?
WELL, I OVERHEARD YOU SAY...
HEH HEH HEH!
YOU'VE SEEN THEM FIGHT?
STRONG FRIENDS, HMMM?
WHAM
STMP
YOU CALL ME "SIR"!
WHAT ARE YOU LAUGHING AT?!
HEE.
HEE HEE.

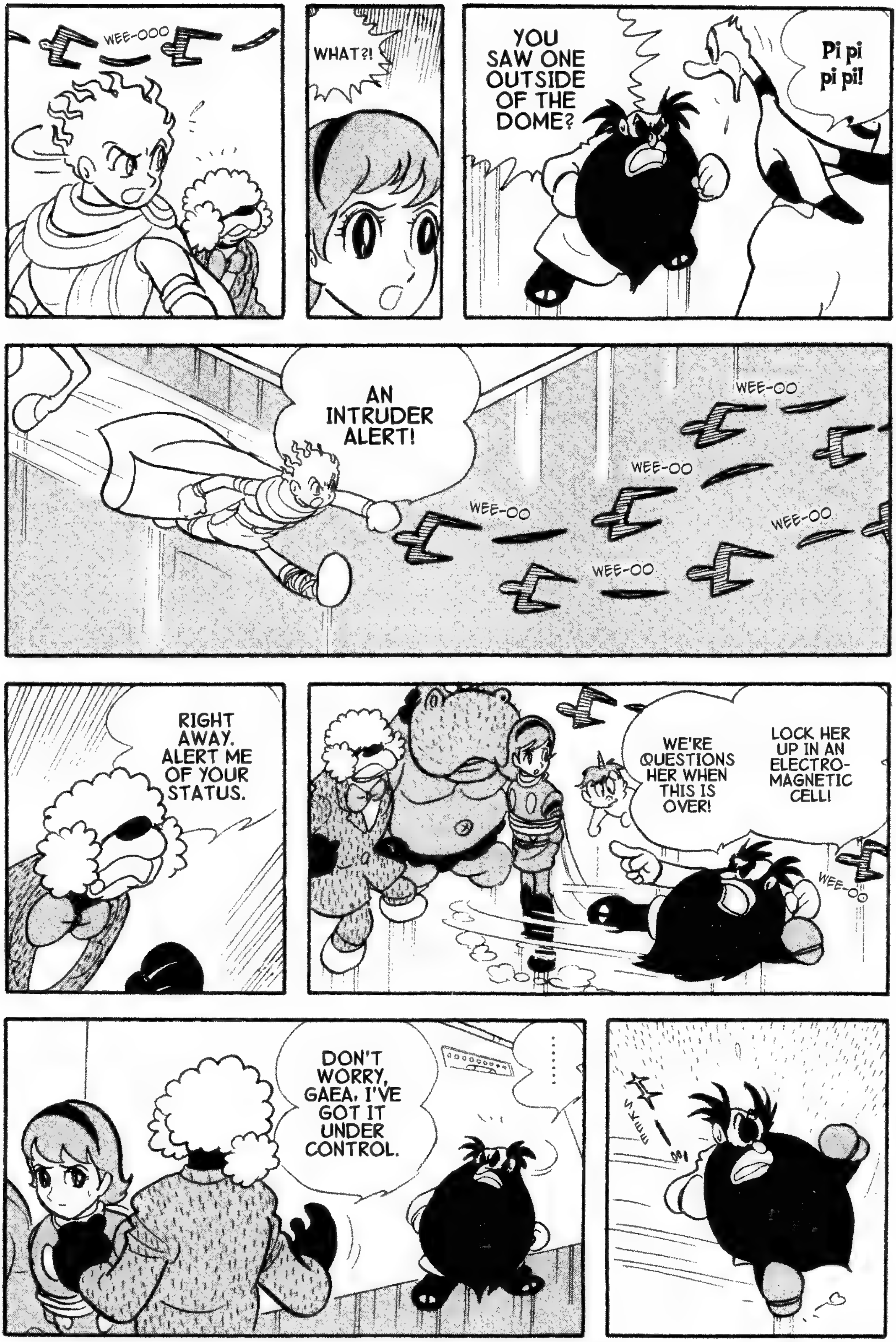

SMAK
BOING
UHHH...
Oww...
THUD
MAYBE I SHOULD JUST BE PATIENT FOR ONCE.
I'VE GOT TO TRUST THAT THEY HAVE THINGS WELL IN HAND.

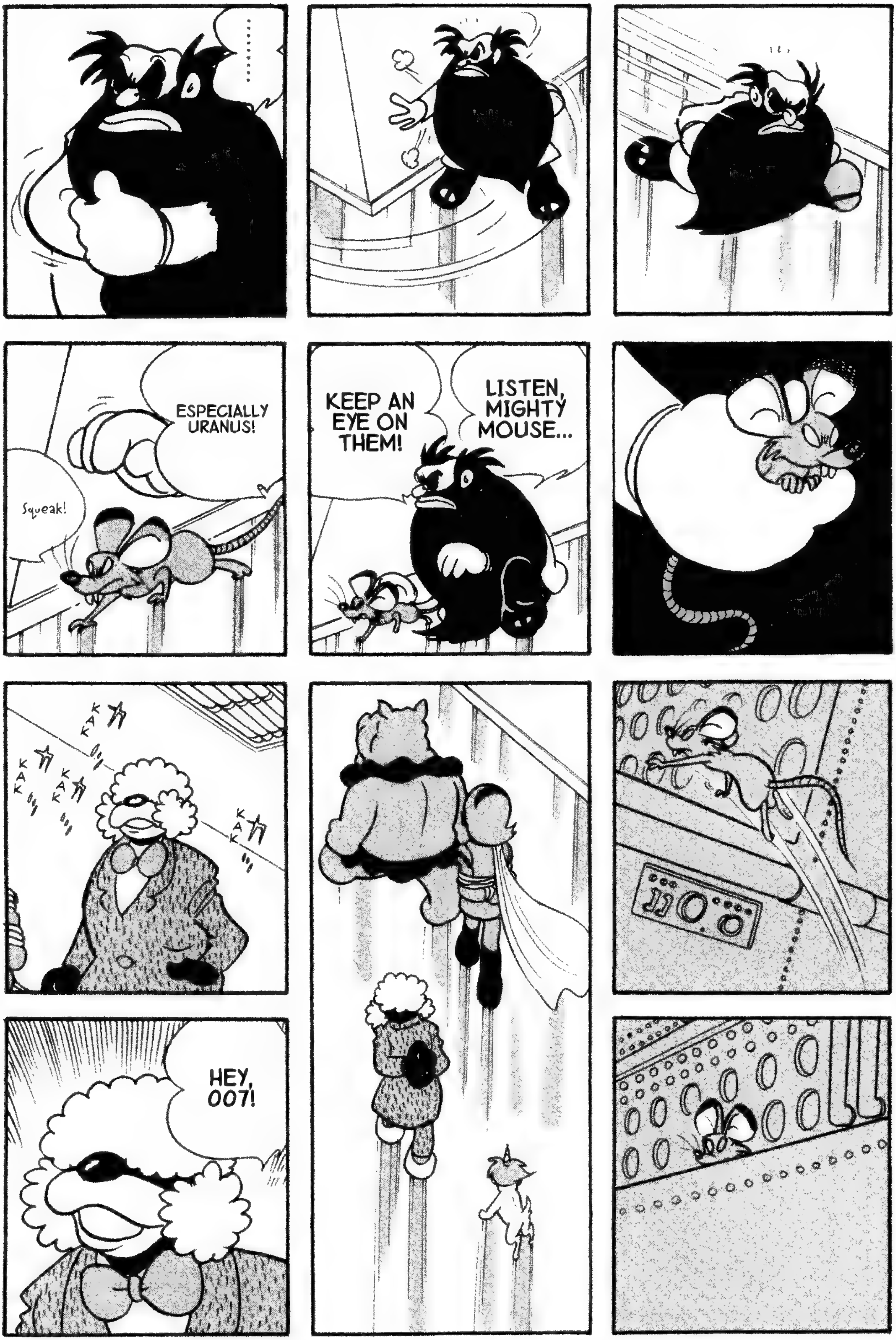

I SHOULD AT LEAST WAIT FOR 003 TO SEND A DISTRESS SIGNAL...
...BUT IT'S KILLING ME STANDING OUT HERE WITH NOTHING TO DO BUT WAIT.
Pii pii.
HUH?
OH NO!
ZZIP
Pi?
......
I HOPE IT DIDN'T SEE ME.

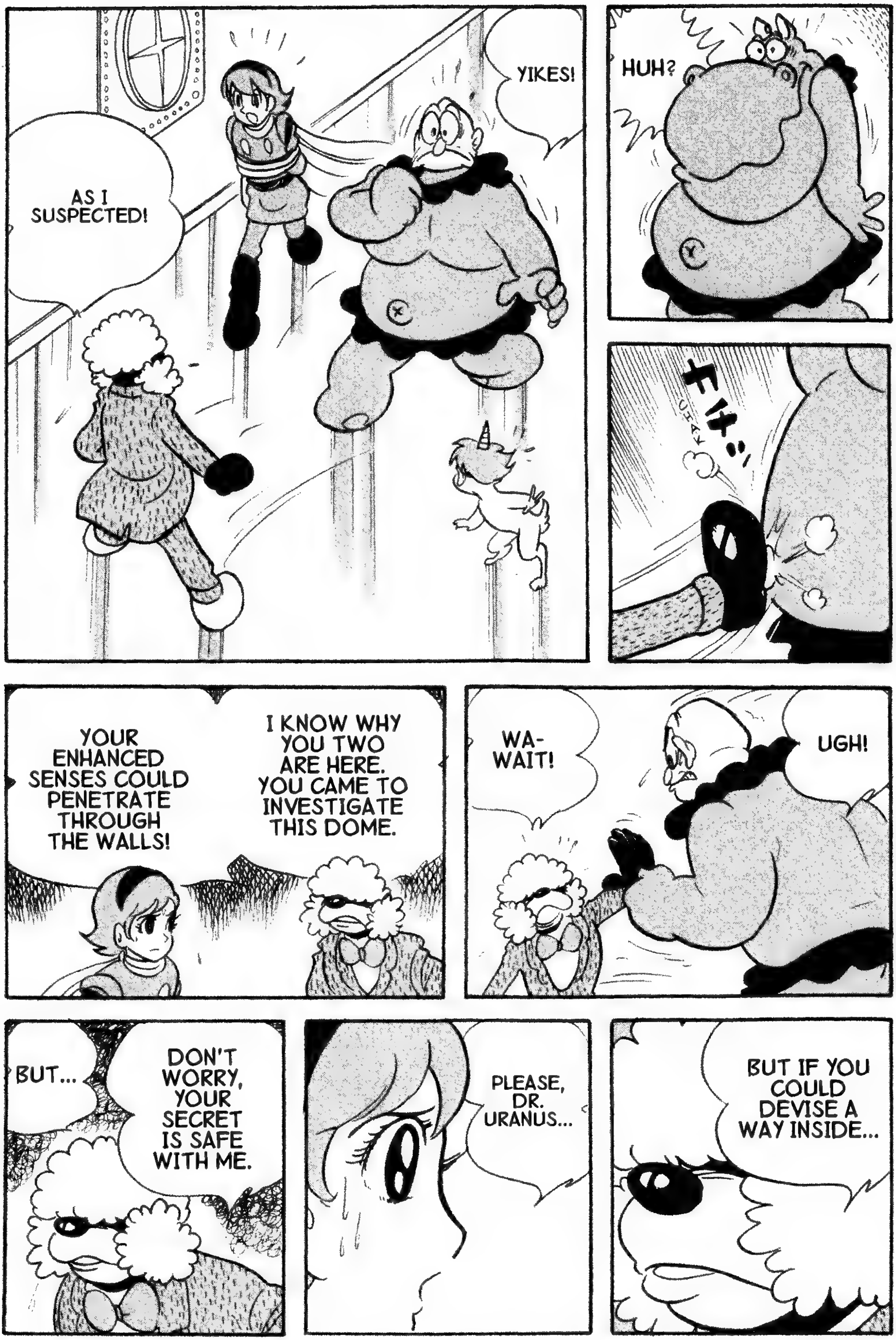

STOP!
YOU MAY ENTER.
FLASH
Pi!
Pii.
WHAT IS IT?

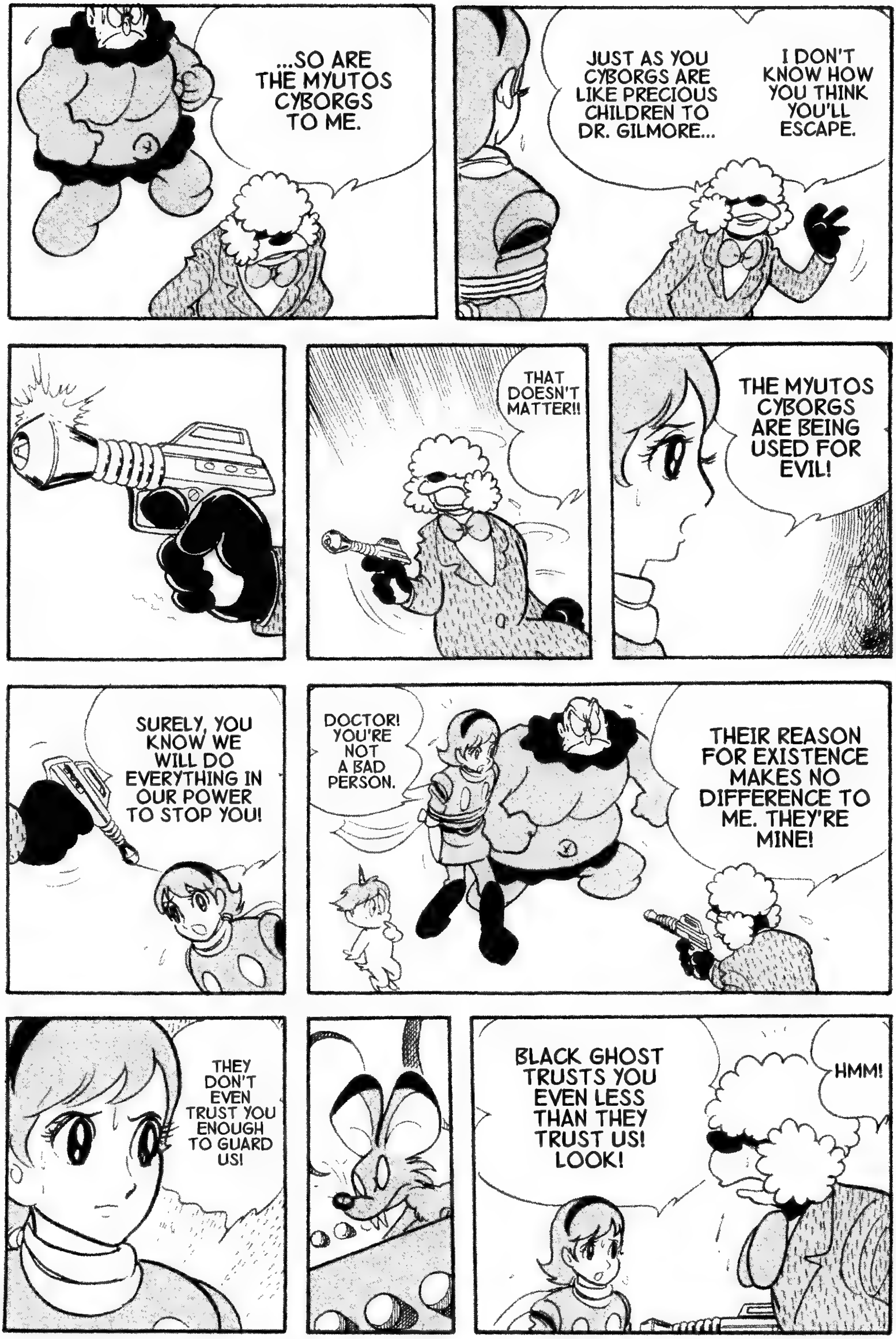

ARE YOU SURE SHE WAS ALL ALONE?
TWITCH
WHAT?
Pi pi pi pi...pi pi.
MY SPY SEAGULL REPORTS SEEING THREE OF THEM!
A GIRL AND TWO OTHERS.
A TALL HANDSOME ONE AND A BALD ONE.
BALD?
HUH?
LOOK, I ONLY SAW HER...
...AND SO I ACTED. I THOUGHT YOU'D BE HAPPY.
WHEW
MAYBE HE'S REFERRING TO YOU.

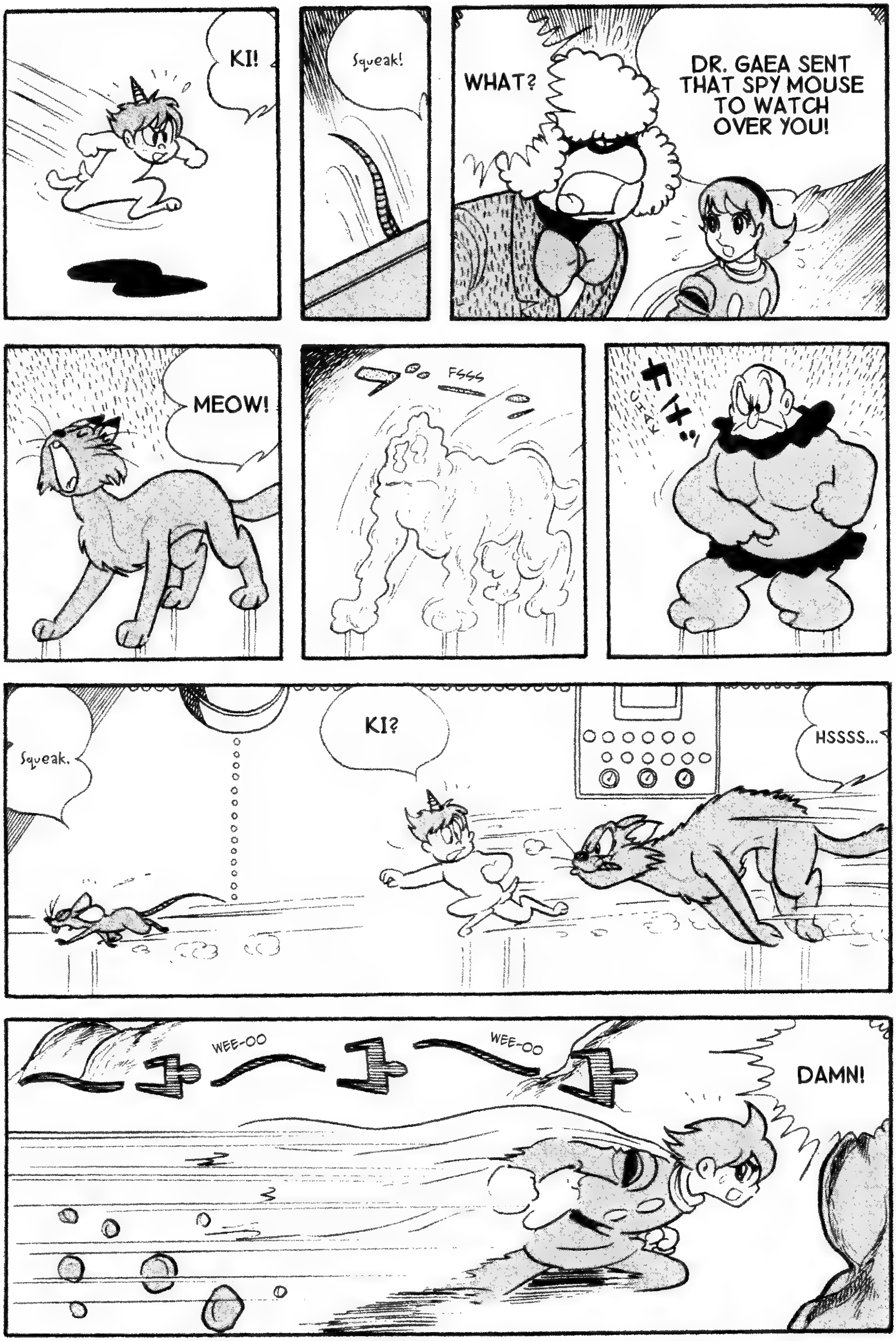

......
007 WAS BALD!
AND HIS POWER WAS...
!
IT'S THE TRANSFORMATION SWITCH!
HE DIDN'T QUITE GET HIPPOMAN'S PROPORTIONS RIGHT!
HMM, SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT.
TELL ME, WERE YOU REALLY ALONE?
AND IF SO, WHAT WERE YOU DOING AWAY FROM YOUR TEAM?
OF COURSE I WAS ALONE.
THE OTHERS WERE BEATEN UP SO BADLY, THEY LEFT THE ISLAND. I DECIDED TO STAY.
IF ONLY THEY'D BEEN HERE TO SAVE ME FROM... HIM.
UH HUH, UH HUH.
KI KI KI KI KI.
HMM.
Pi!

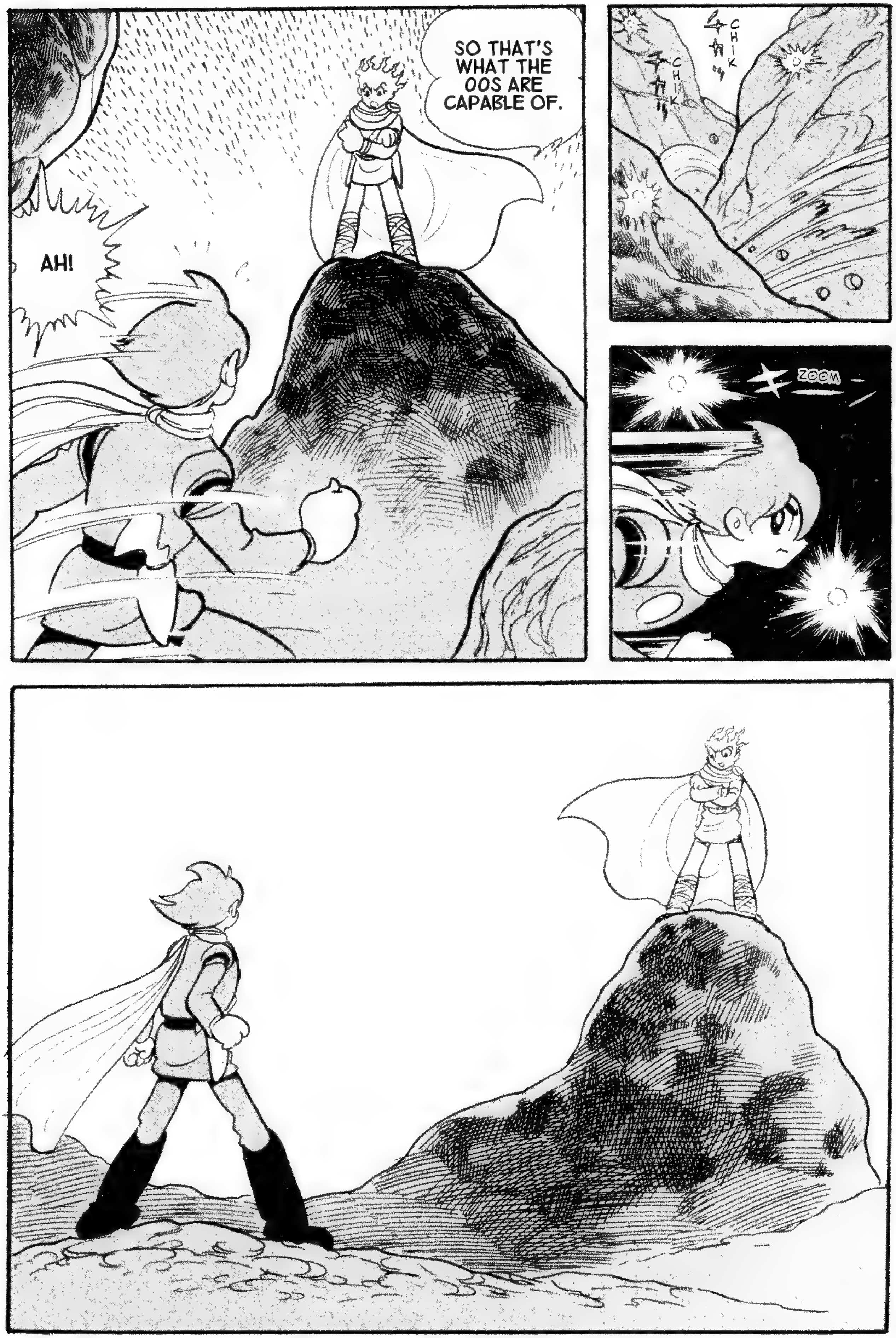

WEE-OOO
WHAT?!
YOU SAW ONE OUTSIDE OF THE DOME?
Pi pi pi pi!
AN INTRUDER ALERT!
WEE-OO
WEE-OO
WEE-OO
WEE-OO
WEE-OO
RIGHT AWAY. ALERT ME OF YOUR STATUS.
LOCK HER UP IN AN ELECTROMAGNETIC CELL!
WE'RE QUESTIONS HER WHEN THIS IS OVER!
WEE-OO
DON'T WORRY, GAEA, I'VE GOT IT UNDER CONTROL.
......
SKEEE-OO!

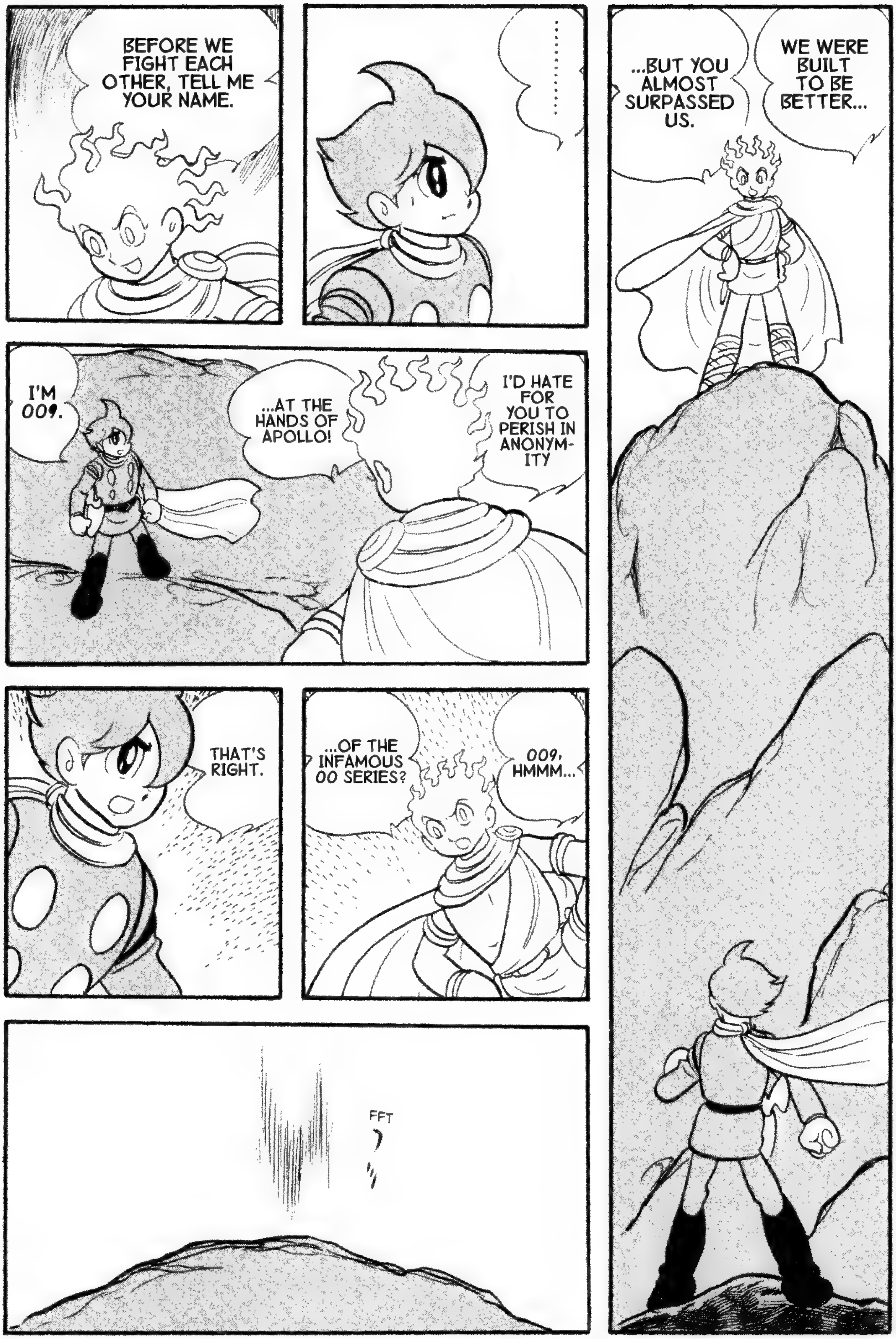

……
LISTEN, MIGHTY MOUSE...
KEEP AN EYE ON THEM!
ESPECIALLY URANUS!
Squeak!
KAK カ
KAK カ
KAK カ
KAK カ
HEY, 007!

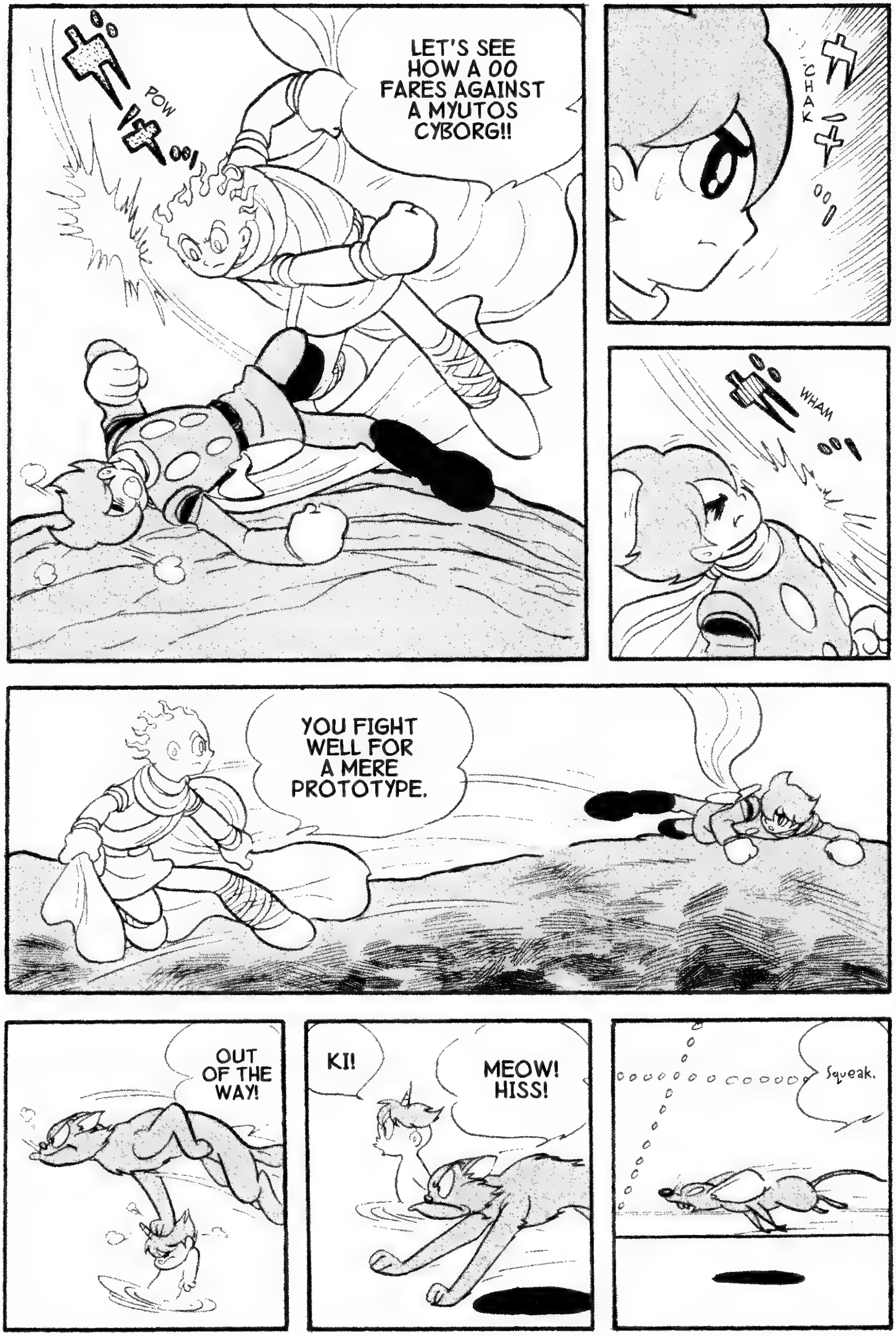

AS I SUSPECTED!
YIKES!
HUH?
キャッ
CHAK
YOUR ENHANCED SENSES COULD PENETRATE THROUGH THE WALLS!
I KNOW WHY YOU TWO ARE HERE. YOU CAME TO INVESTIGATE THIS DOME.
WA-WAIT!
UGH!
BUT...
DON'T WORRY, YOUR SECRET IS SAFE WITH ME.
PLEASE, DR. URANUS...
BUT IF YOU COULD DEVISE A WAY INSIDE...

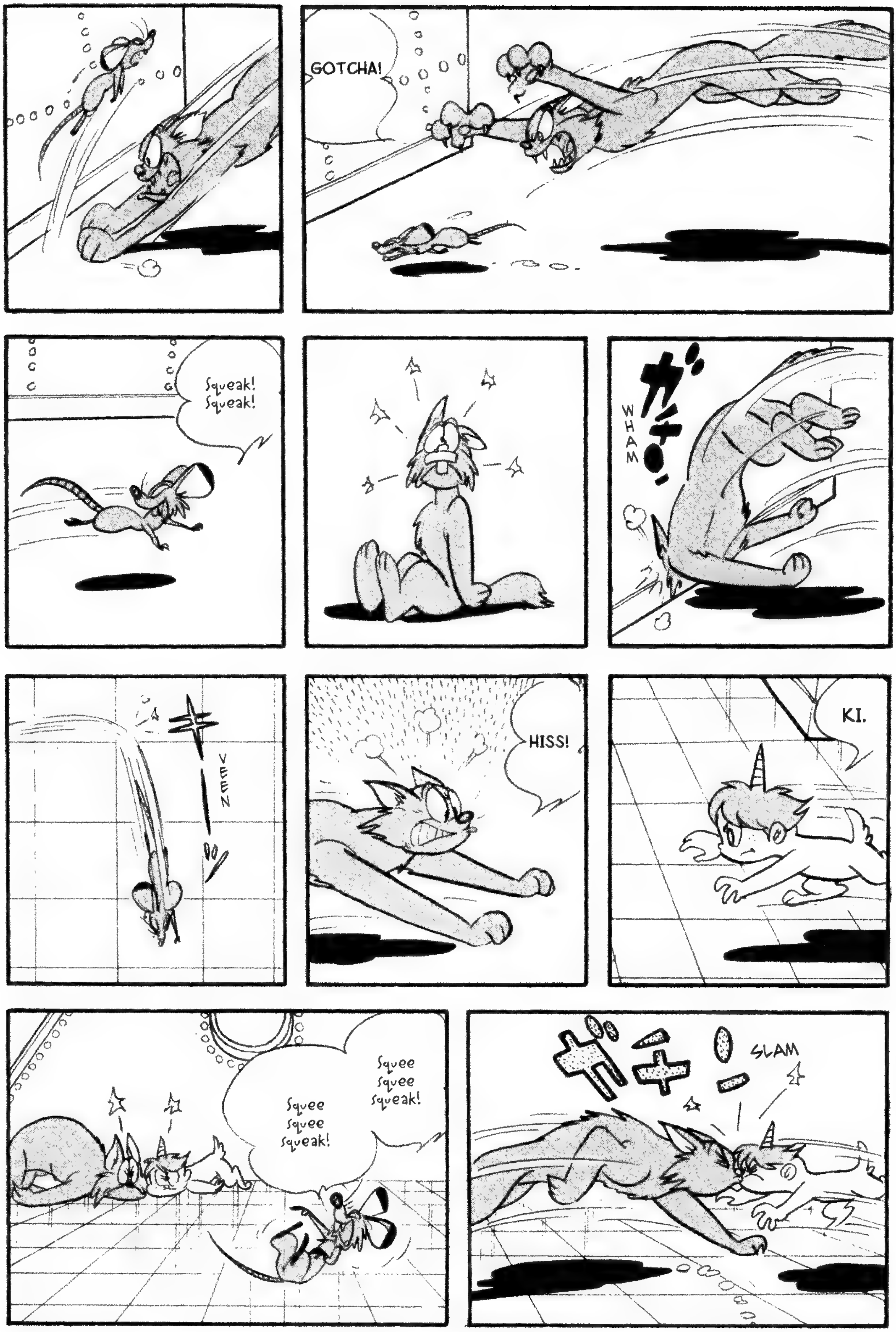

I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU THINK YOU'LL ESCAPE.
JUST AS YOU CYBORGS ARE LIKE PRECIOUS CHILDREN TO DR. GILMORE...
...SO ARE THE MYUTOS CYBORGS TO ME.
THE MYUTOS CYBORGS ARE BEING USED FOR EVIL!
THAT DOESN'T MATTER!!
THEIR REASON FOR EXISTENCE MAKES NO DIFFERENCE TO ME. THEY'RE MINE!
DOCTOR! YOU'RE NOT A BAD PERSON.
SURELY, YOU KNOW WE WILL DO EVERYTHING IN OUR POWER TO STOP YOU!
HMM!
BLACK GHOST TRUSTS YOU EVEN LESS THAN THEY TRUST US! LOOK!
THEY DON'T EVEN TRUST YOU ENOUGH TO GUARD US!

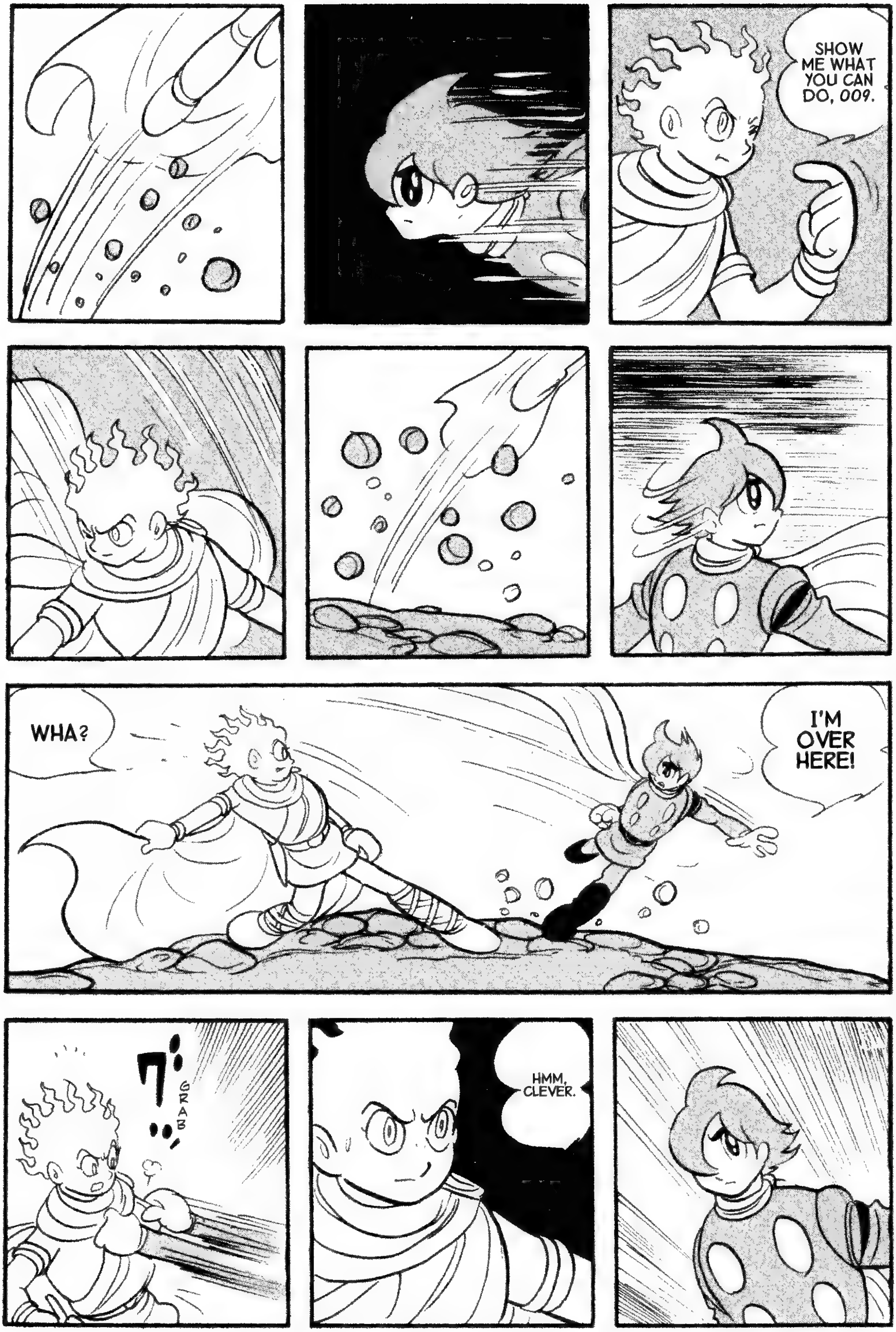

KI!
Squeak!
WHAT?
DR. GAEA SENT THAT SPY MOUSE TO WATCH OVER YOU!
MEOW!
FSSS
CHAK
Squeak.
KI?
HSSSS...
WEE-OO
WEE-OO
DAMN!

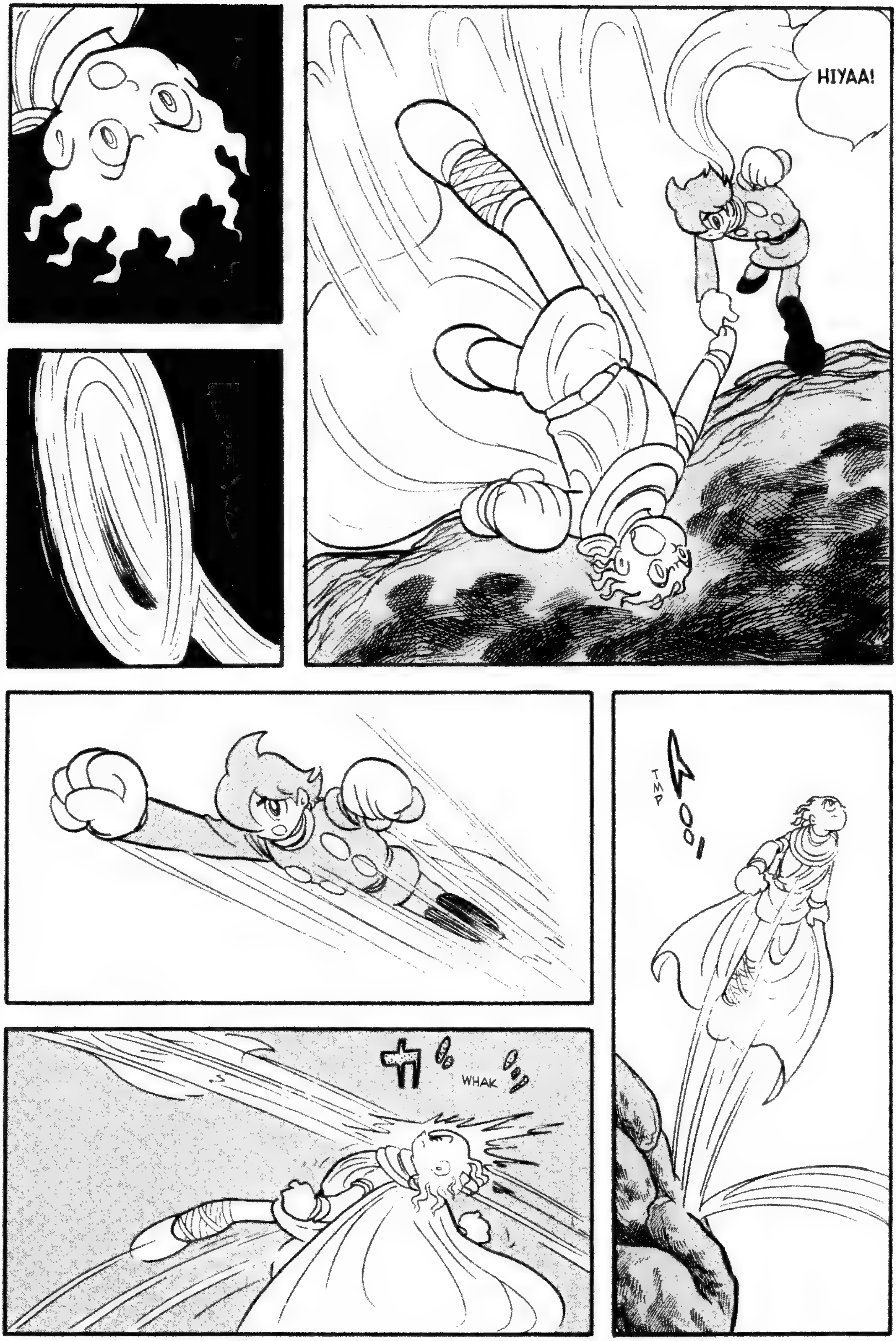

CHIK
CHIK
ZOOM
SO THAT'S WHAT THE OOS ARE CAPABLE OF.
AH!

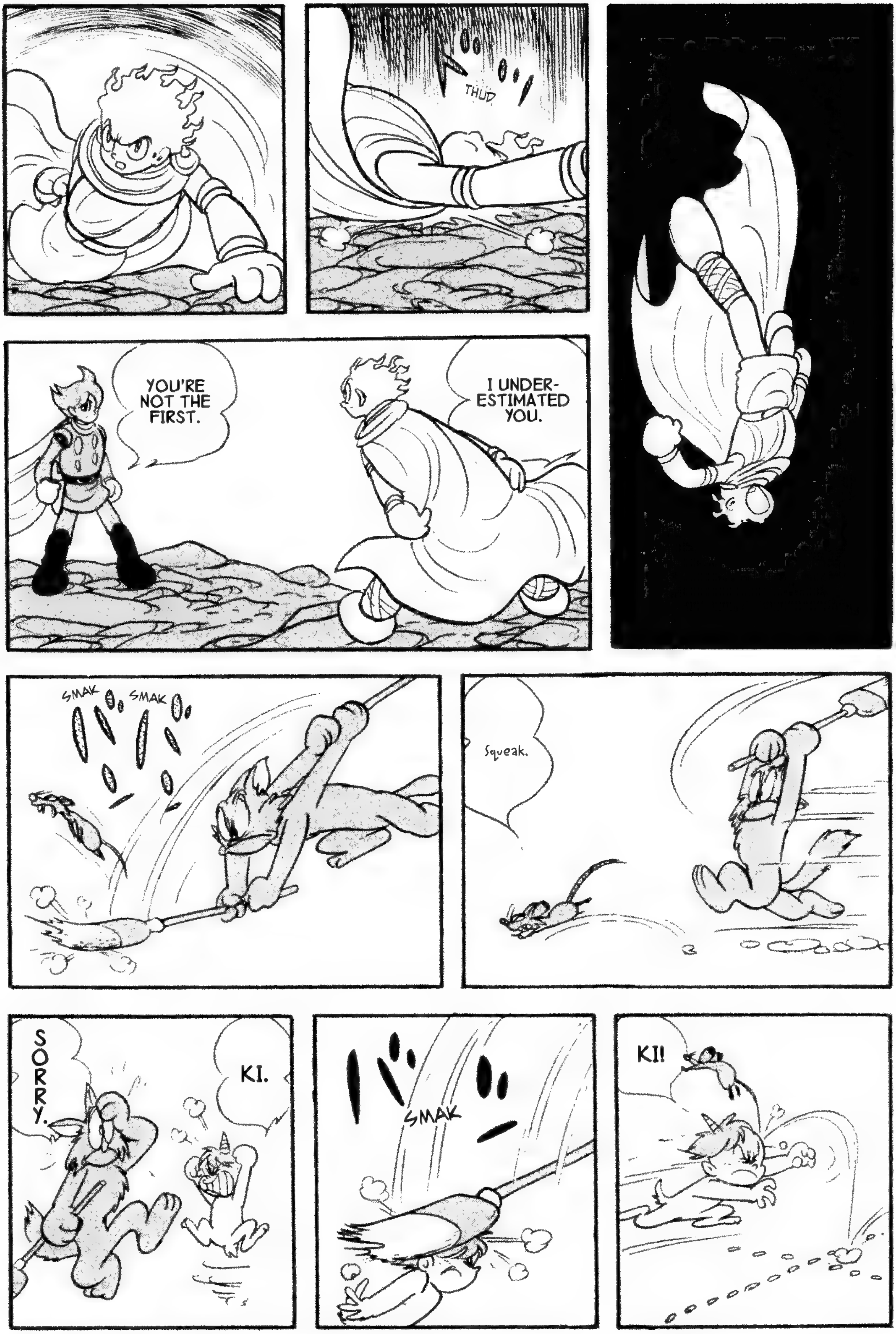

WE WERE BUILT TO BE BETTER...
...BUT YOU ALMOST SURPASSED US.
....
BEFORE WE FIGHT EACH OTHER, TELL ME YOUR NAME.
I'D HATE FOR YOU TO PERISH IN ANONYMITY
...AT THE HANDS OF APOLLO!
I'M 009.
009, HMMM...
...OF THE INFAMOUS 00 SERIES?
THAT'S RIGHT.
FFT

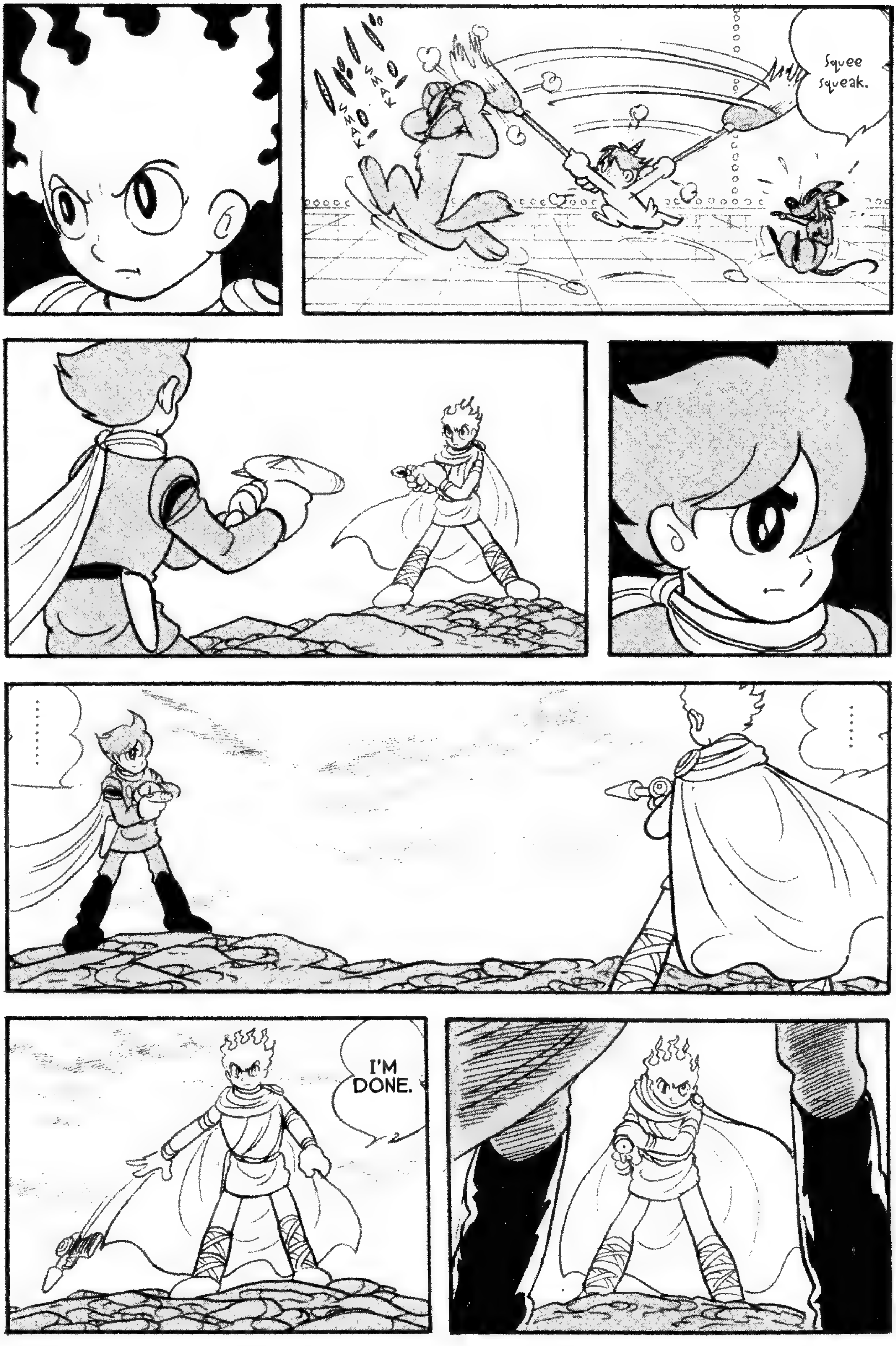

POW
LET'S SEE HOW A 00 FARES AGAINST A MYUTOS CYBORG!!
CHAK
WHAM
YOU FIGHT WELL FOR A MERE PROTOTYPE.
OUT OF THE WAY!
KI!
MEOW! HISS!
Squeak.

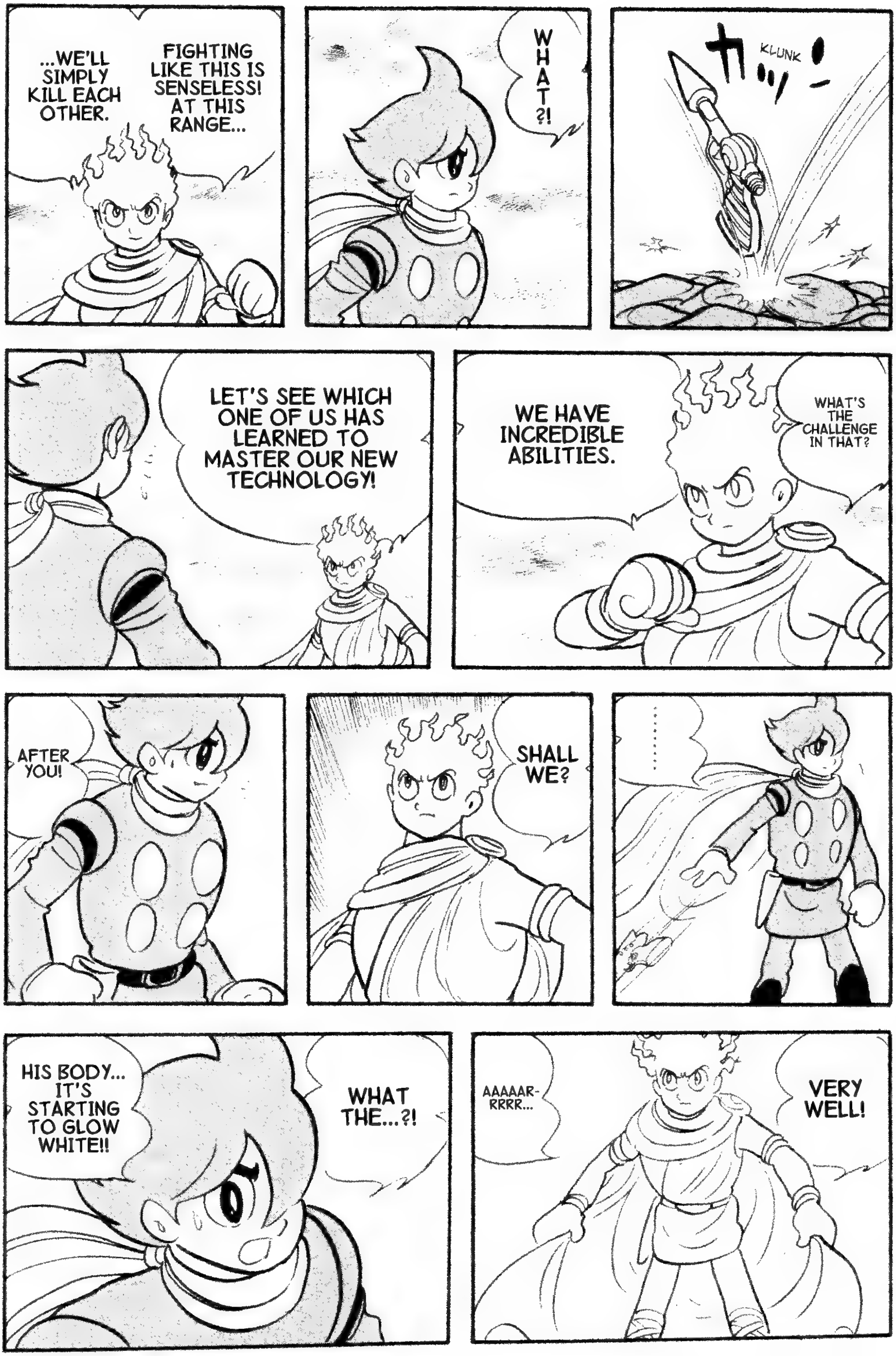

GOTCHA!
Squeak! Squeak!
WHAM
VEEN
HISS!
KI.
Squee squee squeak!
Squee squee squeak!
SLAM

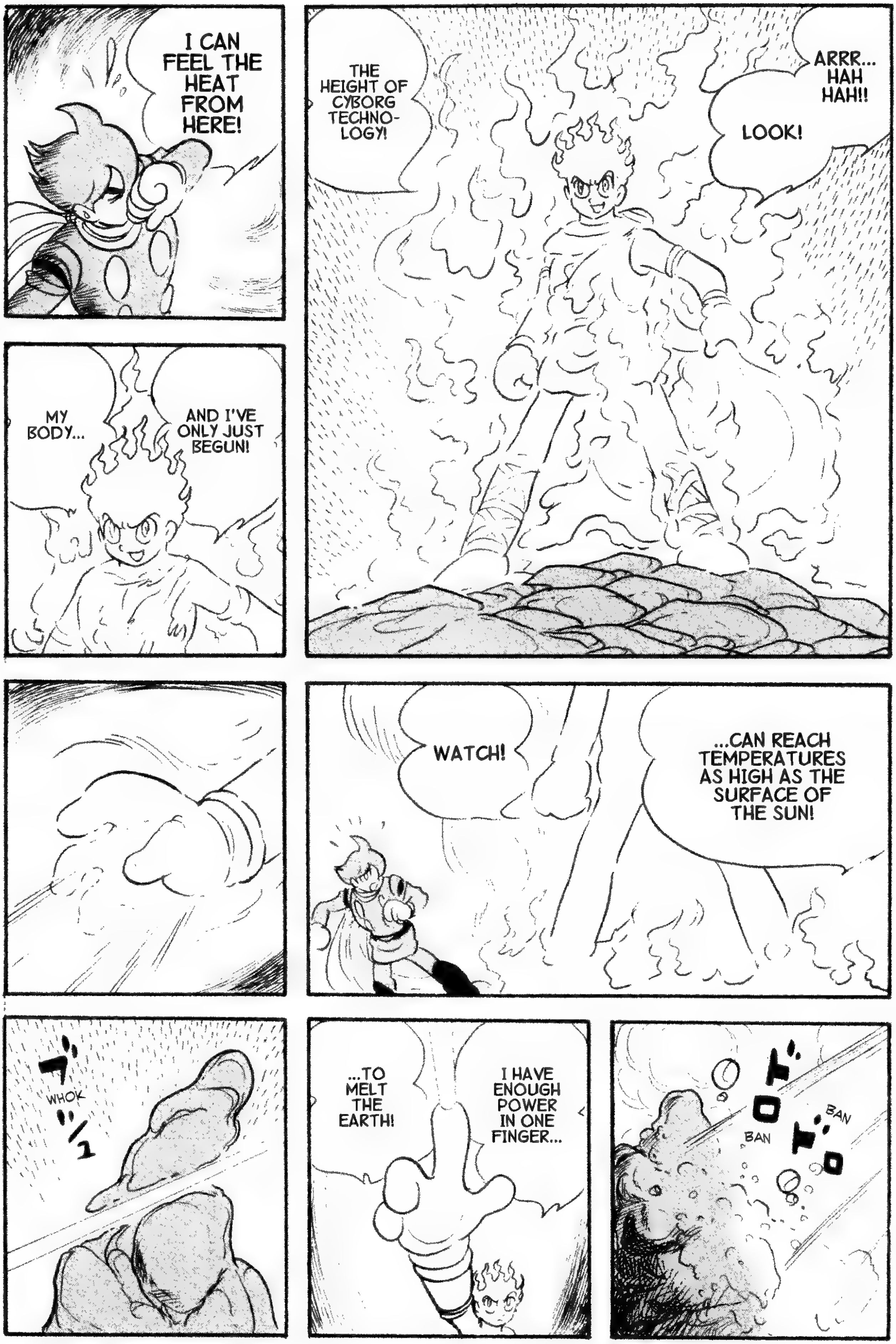

SHOW ME WHAT YOU CAN DO, 009.
I'M OVER HERE!
WHA?
HMM, CLEVER.
GRAB

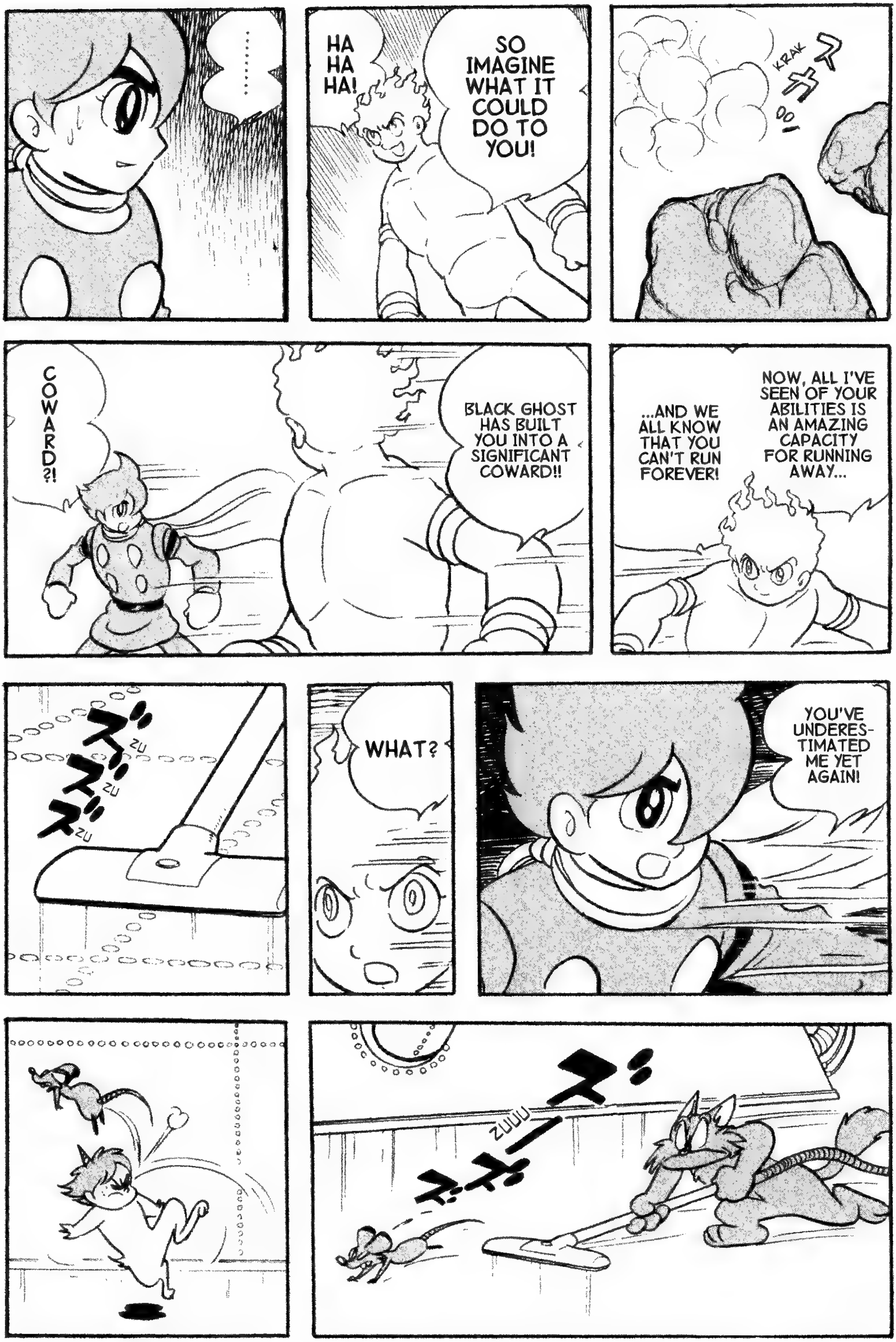

HIYAA!
TMP
WHAK


THUD
YOU'RE NOT THE FIRST.
I UNDER-ESTIMATED YOU.
SMAK SMAK
Squeak.
SORRY.
KI.
SMAK
KI!


SMAK SMAK
Squee squeak.
......
......
I'M DONE.


KLUNK
カッ
WHAT?!
FIGHTING LIKE THIS IS SENSELESS! AT THIS RANGE...
...WE'LL SIMPLY KILL EACH OTHER.
WHAT'S THE CHALLENGE IN THAT?
WE HAVE INCREDIBLE ABILITIES.
LET'S SEE WHICH ONE OF US HAS LEARNED TO MASTER OUR NEW TECHNOLOGY!
......
SHALL WE?
AFTER YOU!
VERY WELL!
AAAAARRRRR...
WHAT THE...?!
HIS BODY... IT'S STARTING TO GLOW WHITE!!


ARRR... HAH HAH!!
LOOK!
THE HEIGHT OF CYBORG TECHNOLOGY!
I CAN FEEL THE HEAT FROM HERE!
AND I'VE ONLY JUST BEGUN!
MY BODY...
...CAN REACH TEMPERATURES AS HIGH AS THE SURFACE OF THE SUN!
WATCH!
BAN
BAN
I HAVE ENOUGH POWER IN ONE FINGER...
...TO MELT THE EARTH!
WHOK


KRAK
SO IMAGINE WHAT IT COULD DO TO YOU!
HA HA HA!
......
NOW, ALL I'VE SEEN OF YOUR ABILITIES IS AN AMAZING CAPACITY FOR RUNNING AWAY...
...AND WE ALL KNOW THAT YOU CAN'T RUN FOREVER!
BLACK GHOST HAS BUILT YOU INTO A SIGNIFICANT COWARD!!
COWARD?!
YOU'VE UNDERESTIMATED ME YET AGAIN!
WHAT?
ズ ZU
ズ ZU
ズ ZU
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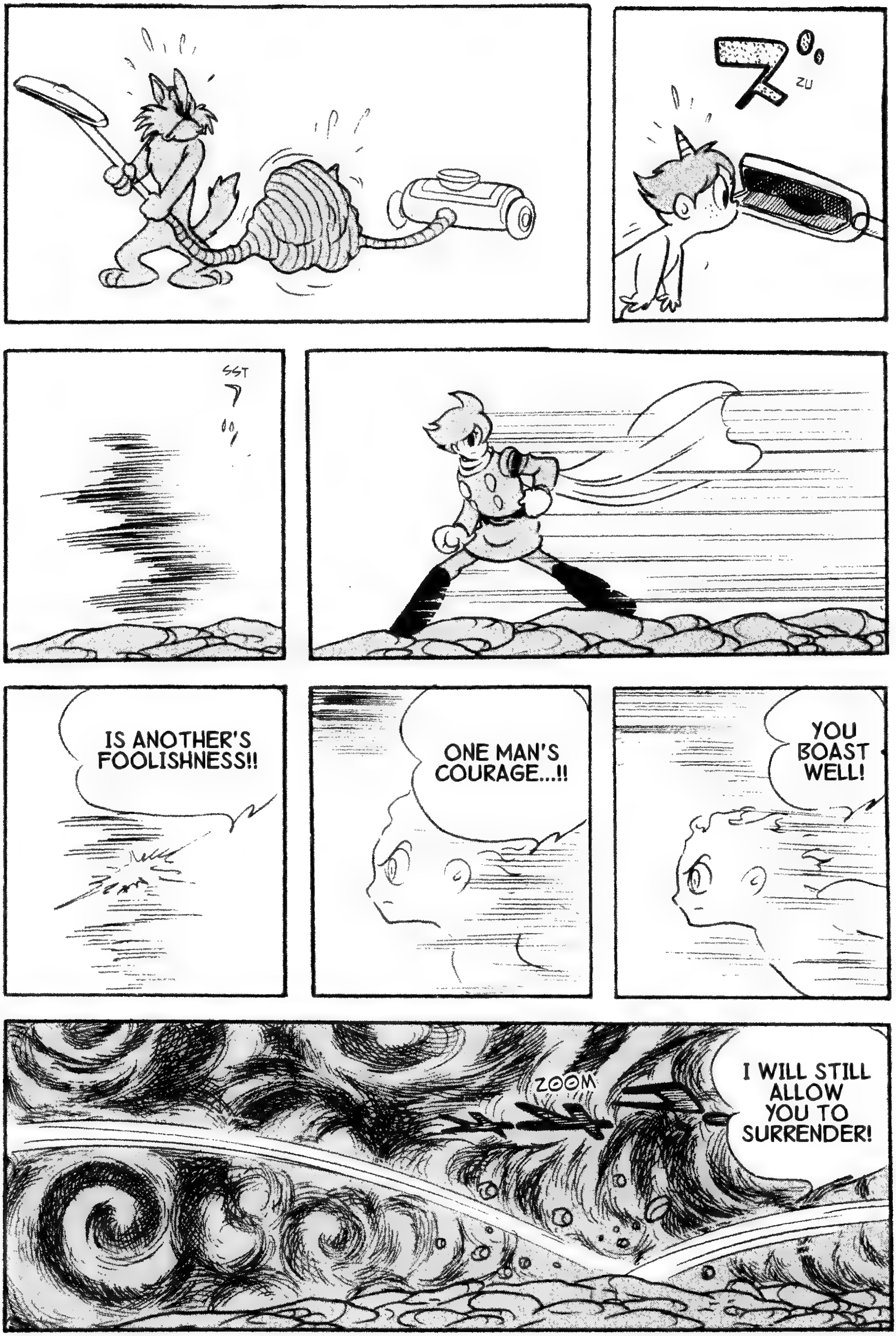
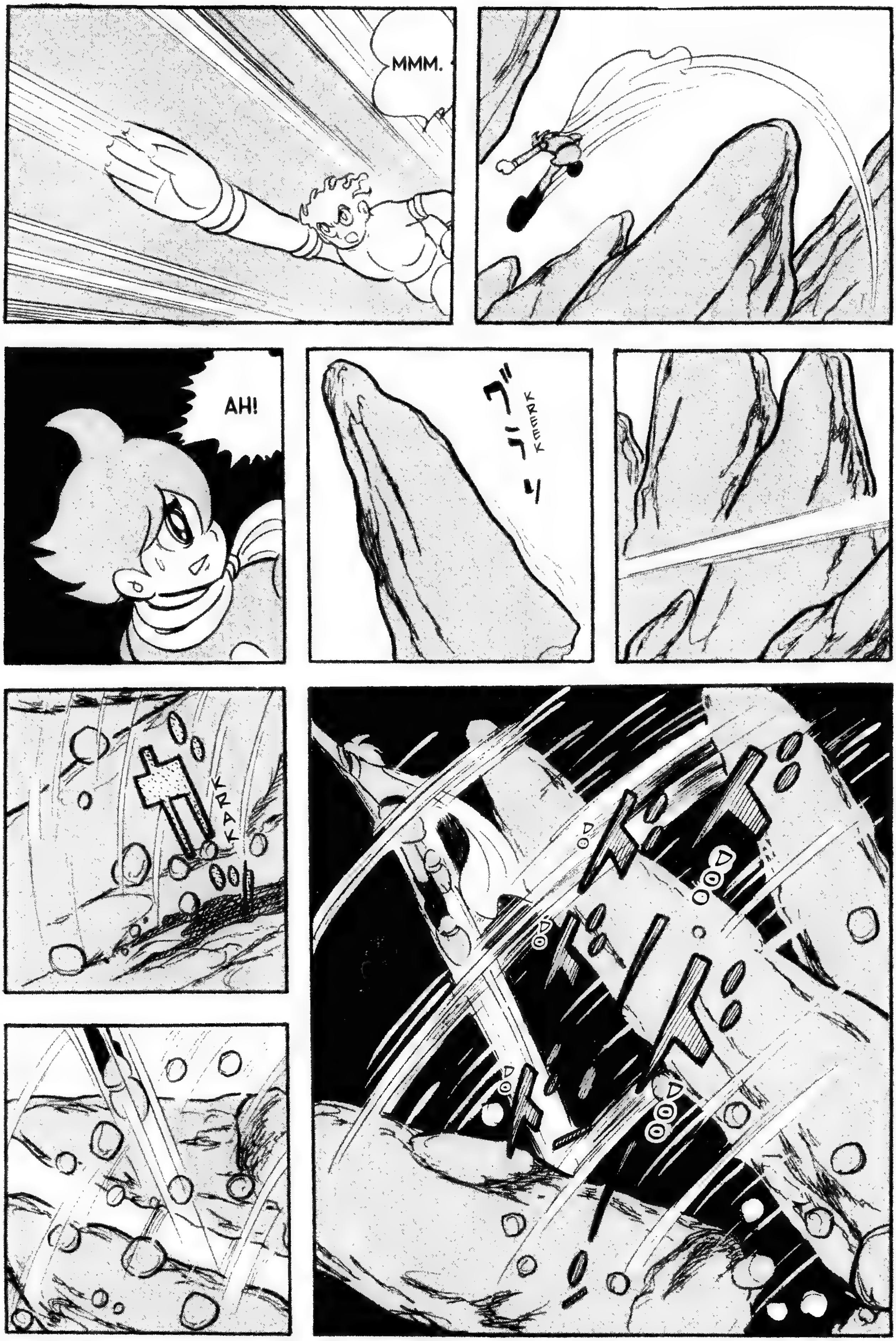
ZUUU


ZU
SST
YOU BOAST WELL!
ONE MAN'S COURAGE...!!
IS ANOTHER'S FOOLISHNESS!!
ZOOM
I WILL STILL ALLOW YOU TO SURRENDER!


MMM.
AH!
グラッ
KREEK
KRAK
DOO
DO
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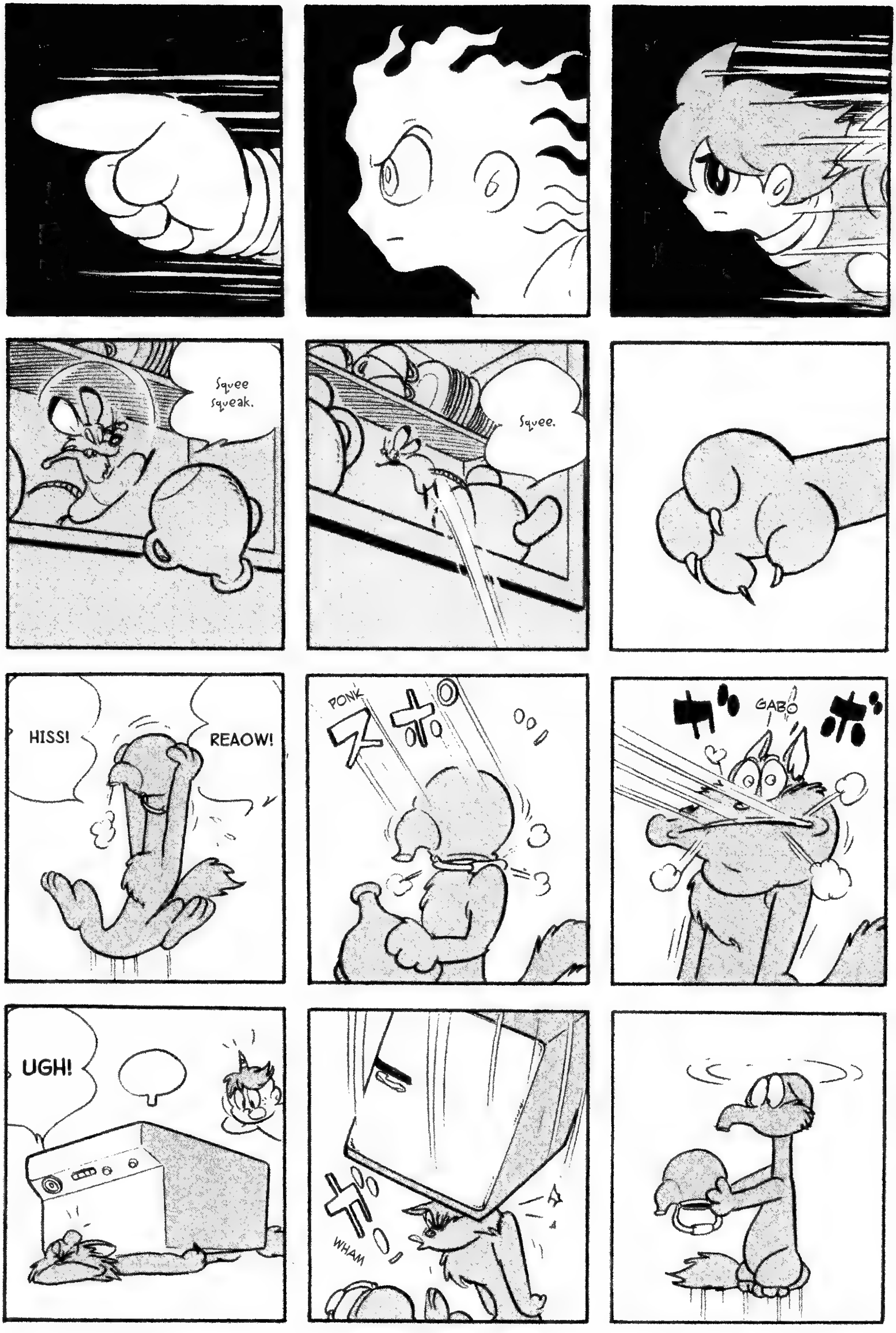
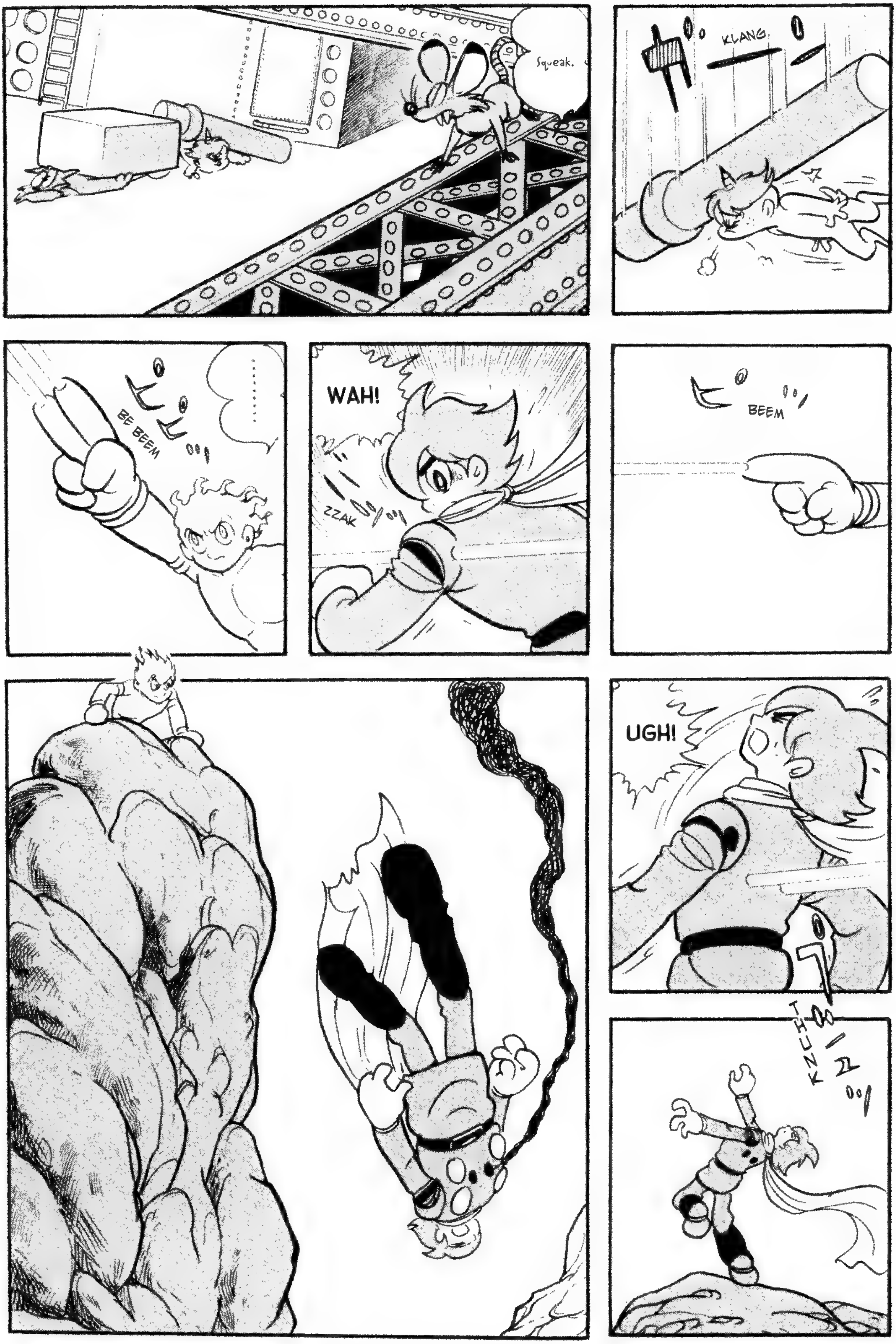
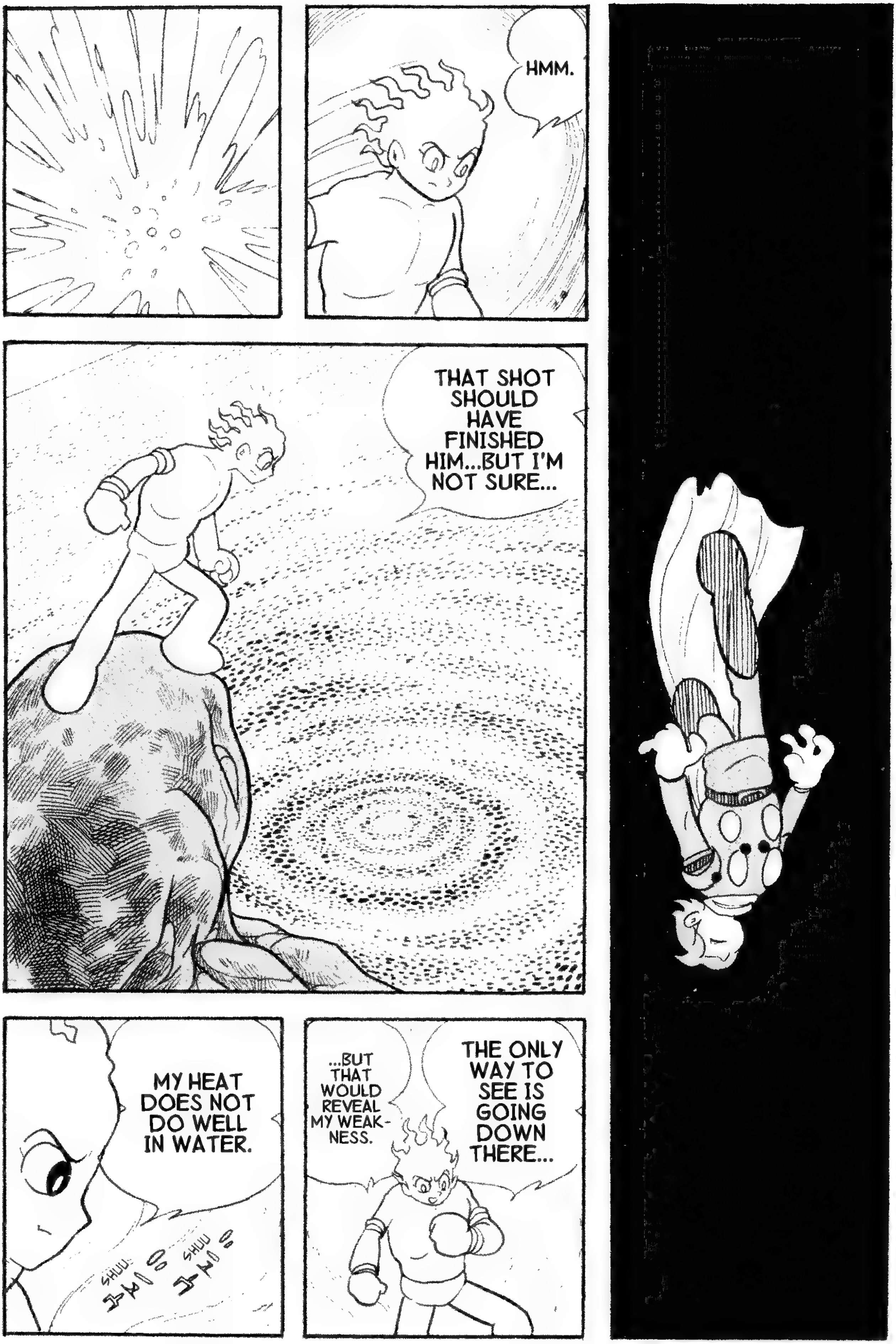
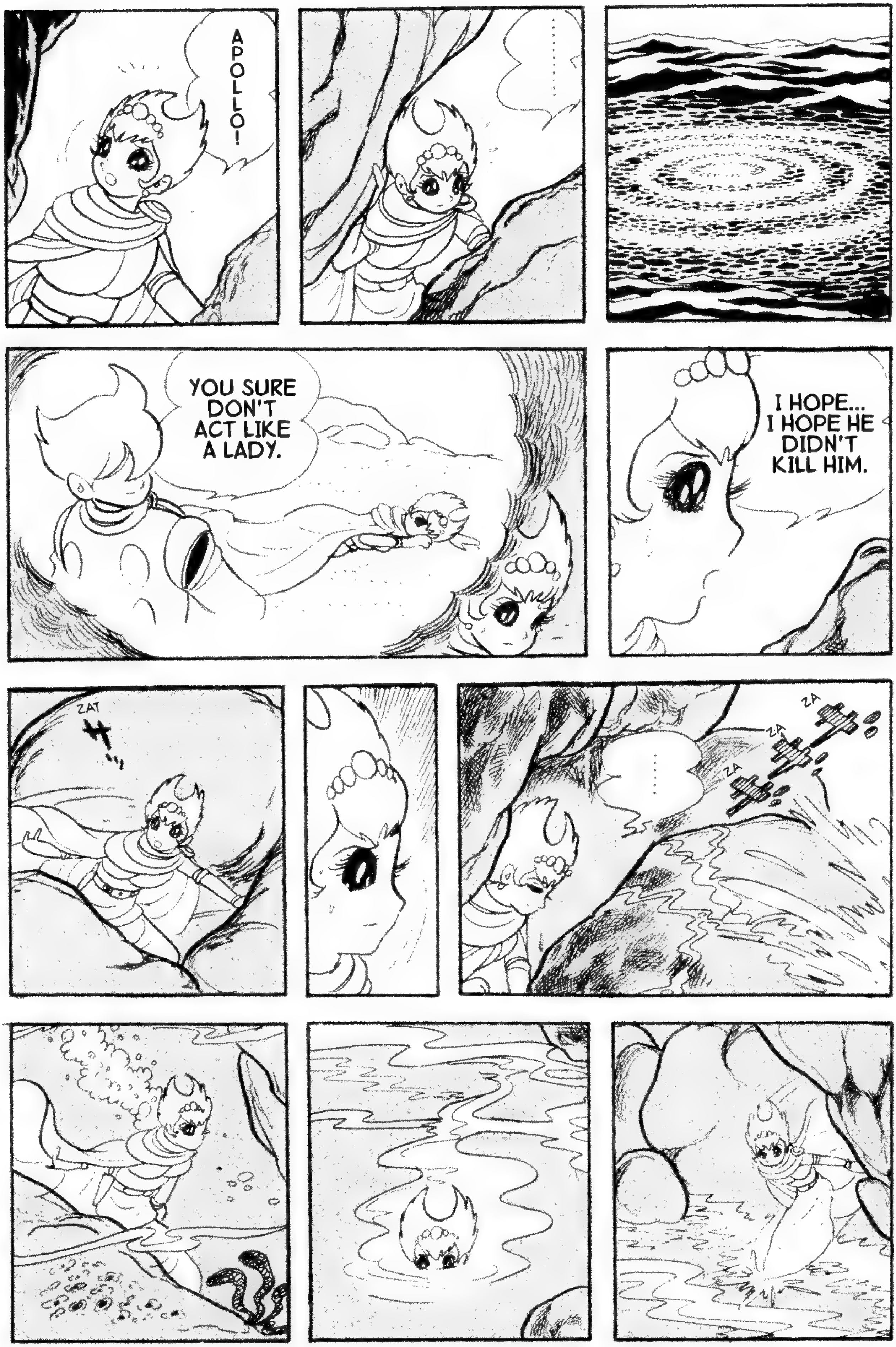
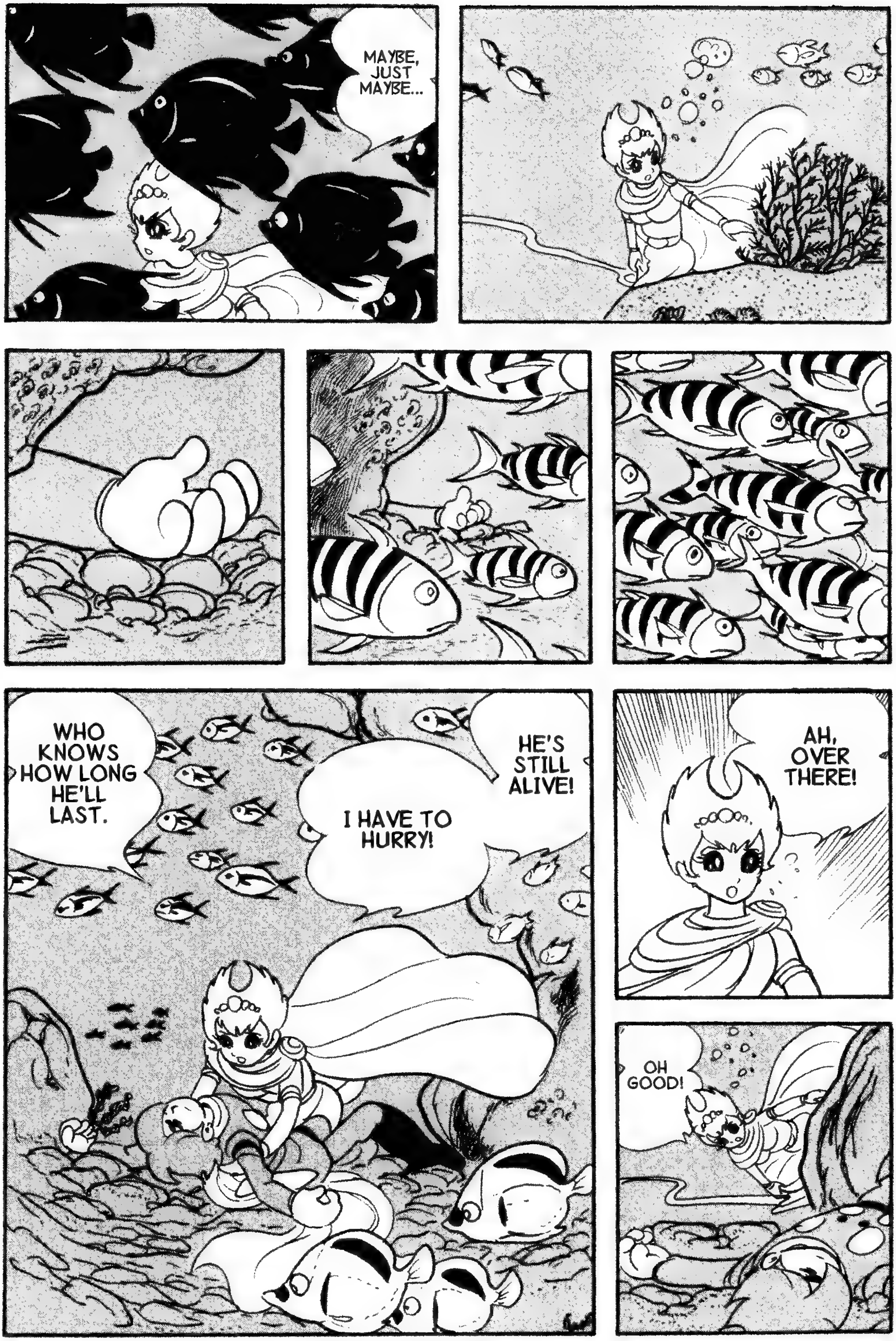
DO

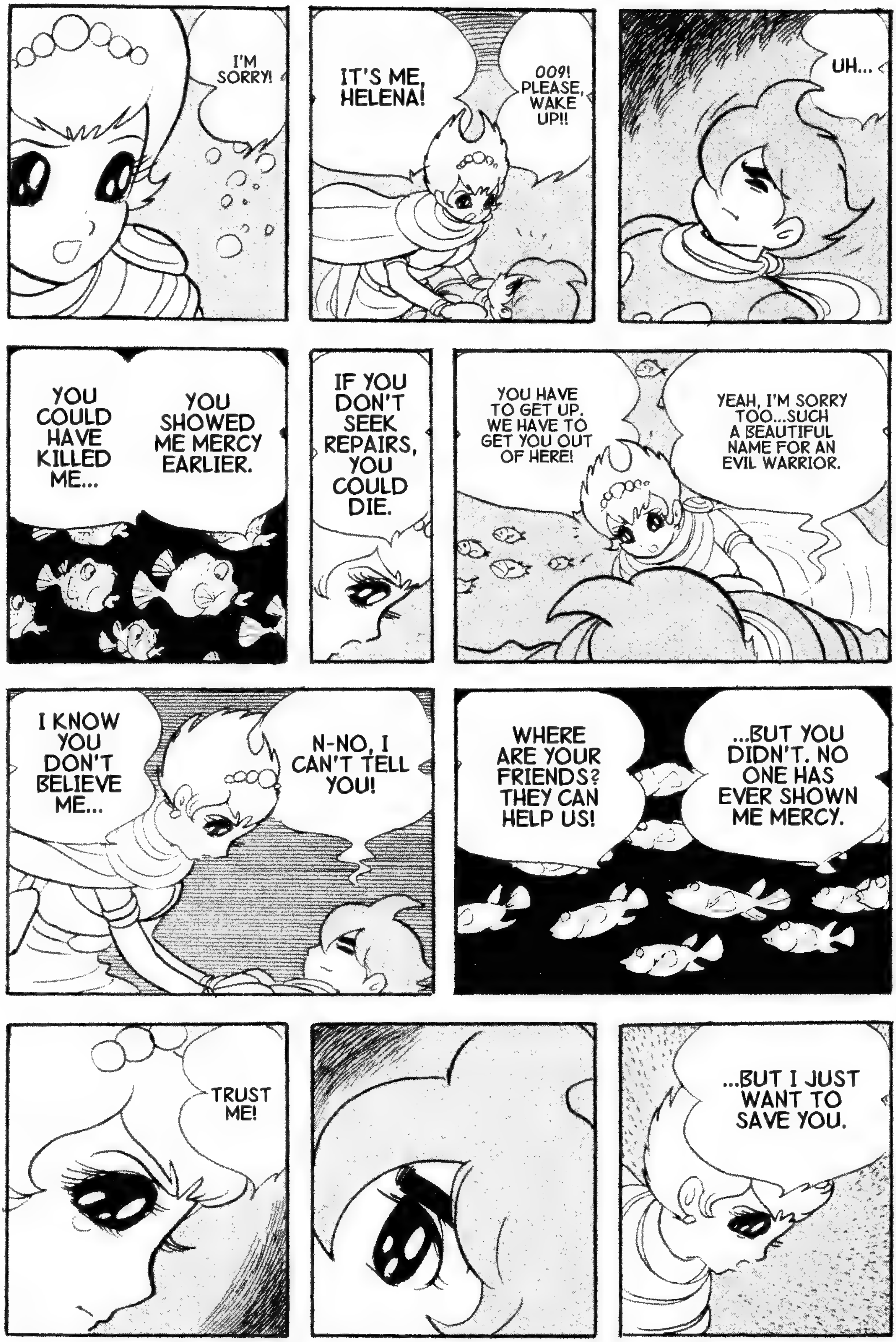

Squee squeak.
Squee.
HISS!
REAOW!
PONK
GABO
UGH!
WHAM

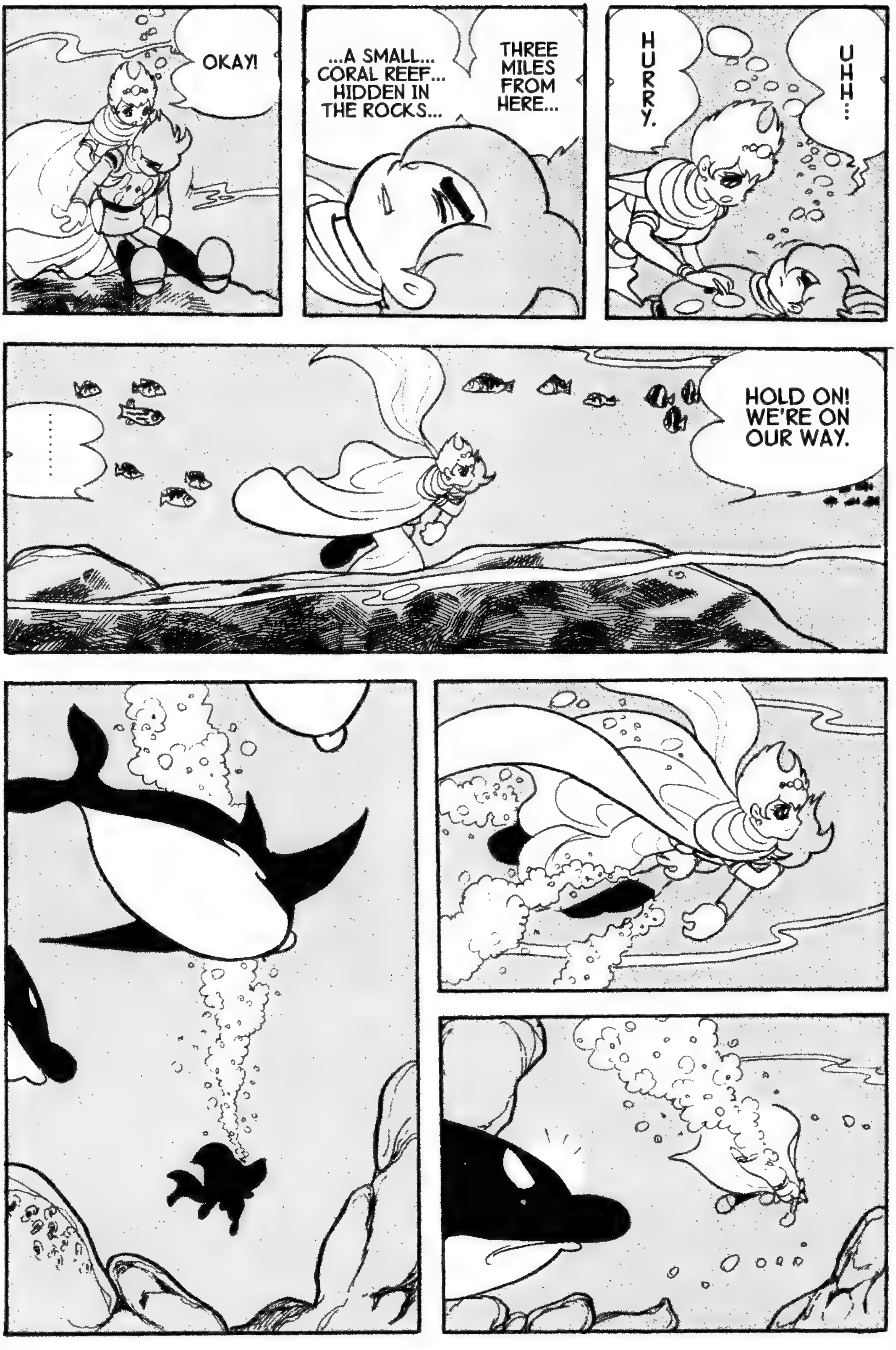

Squeak.
KLANG
BE BEEM
......
WAH!
ZZAK
BEEM
UGH!
THUNK


HMM.
THAT SHOT SHOULD HAVE FINISHED HIM...BUT I'M NOT SURE...
MY HEAT DOES NOT DO WELL IN WATER.
SHUU
SHUU
THE ONLY WAY TO SEE IS GOING DOWN THERE...
...BUT THAT WOULD REVEAL MY WEAKNESS.


APOLLO!
......
YOU SURE DON'T ACT LIKE A LADY.
I HOPE... I HOPE HE DIDN'T KILL HIM.
ZAT
......
ZA
ZA
ZA


MAYBE, JUST MAYBE...
WHO KNOWS HOW LONG HE'LL LAST.
HE'S STILL ALIVE!
I HAVE TO HURRY!
AH, OVER THERE!
OH GOOD!


UH...
009! PLEASE, WAKE UP!!
IT'S ME, HELENA!
I'M SORRY!
YEAH, I'M SORRY TOO...SUCH A BEAUTIFUL NAME FOR AN EVIL WARRIOR.
YOU HAVE TO GET UP. WE HAVE TO GET YOU OUT OF HERE!
IF YOU DON'T SEEK REPAIRS, YOU COULD DIE.
YOU SHOWED ME MERCY EARLIER.
YOU COULD HAVE KILLED ME...
...BUT YOU DIDN'T. NO ONE HAS EVER SHOWN ME MERCY.
WHERE ARE YOUR FRIENDS? THEY CAN HELP US!
N-NO, I CAN'T TELL YOU!
I KNOW YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME...
...BUT I JUST WANT TO SAVE YOU.
TRUST ME!


UHH...
HURRY.
THREE MILES FROM HERE...
...A SMALL... CORAL REEF... HIDDEN IN THE ROCKS...
OKAY!
HOLD ON! WE'RE ON OUR WAY.
....

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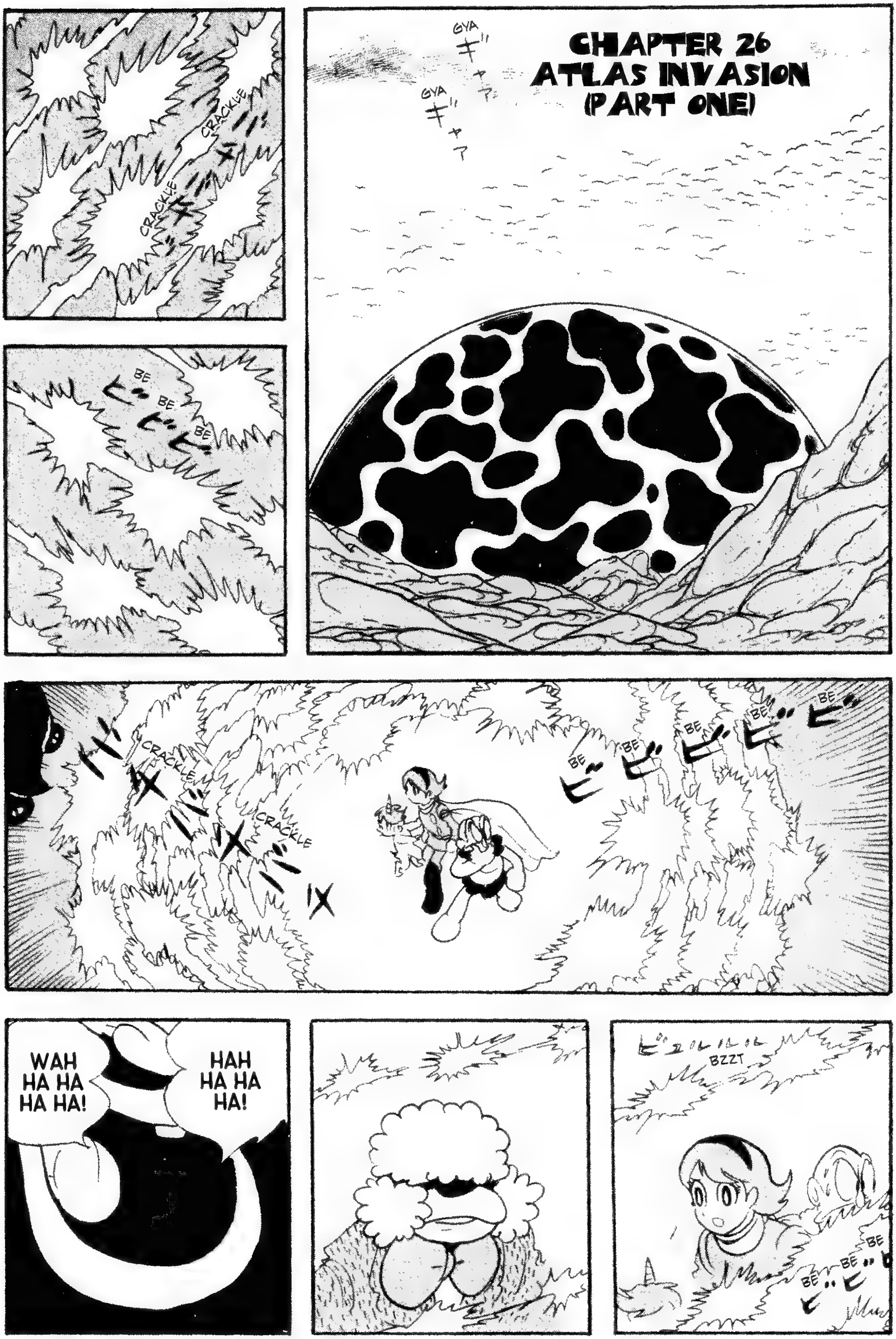
ATLAS INVASION (PART ONE)


GYA ギャア
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CRACKLE
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BE BE BE
BE BE BE BE BE
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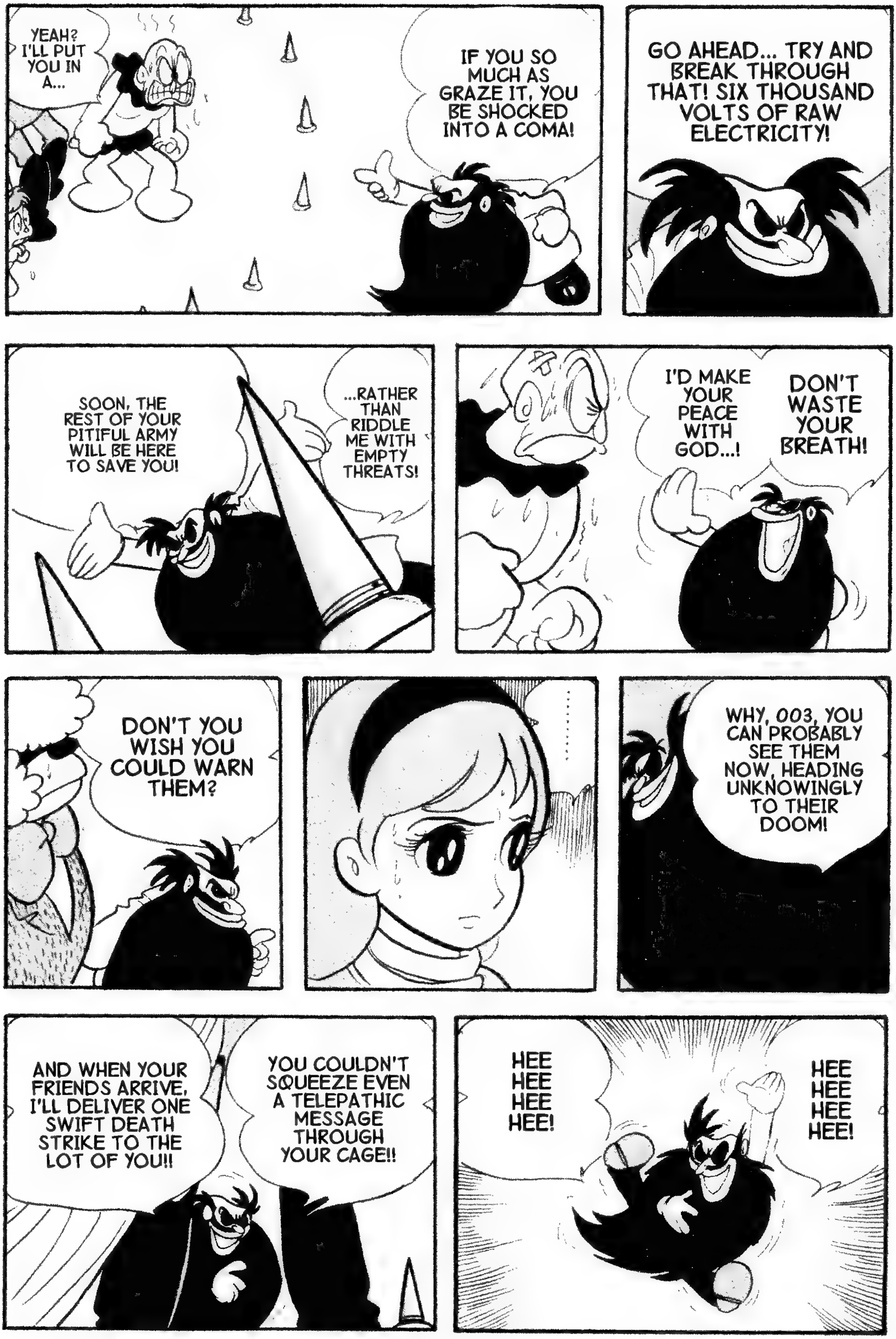
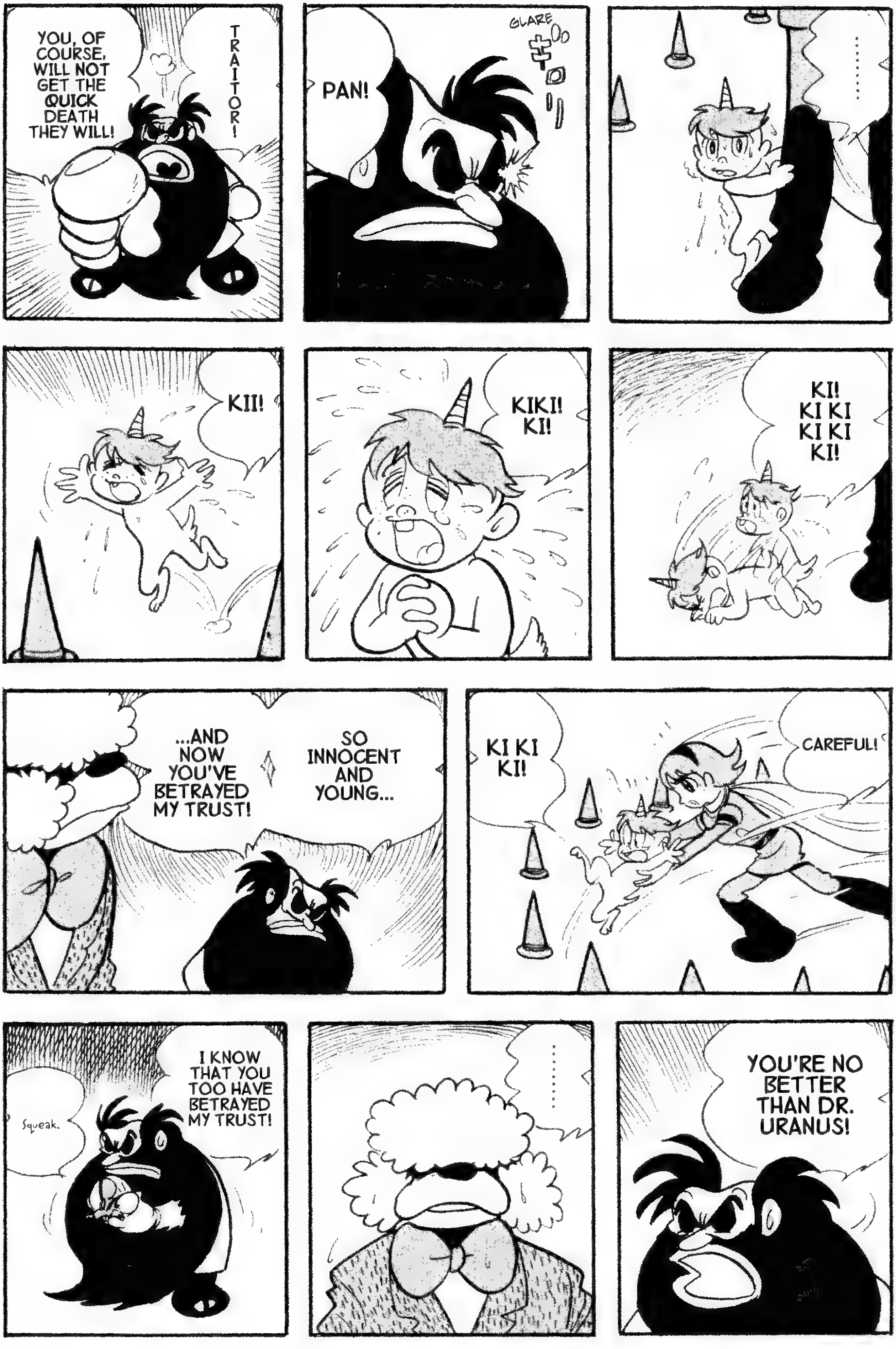
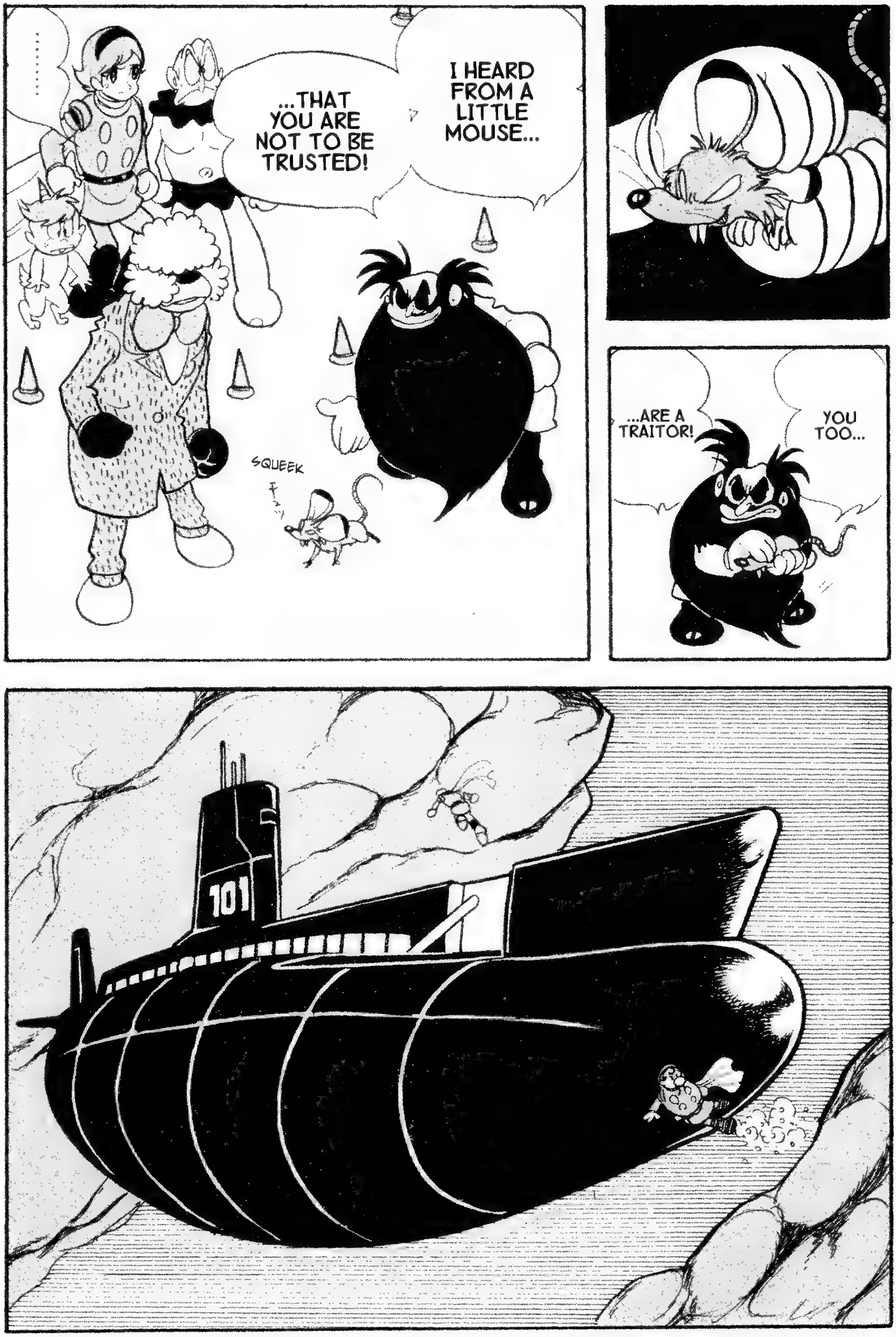
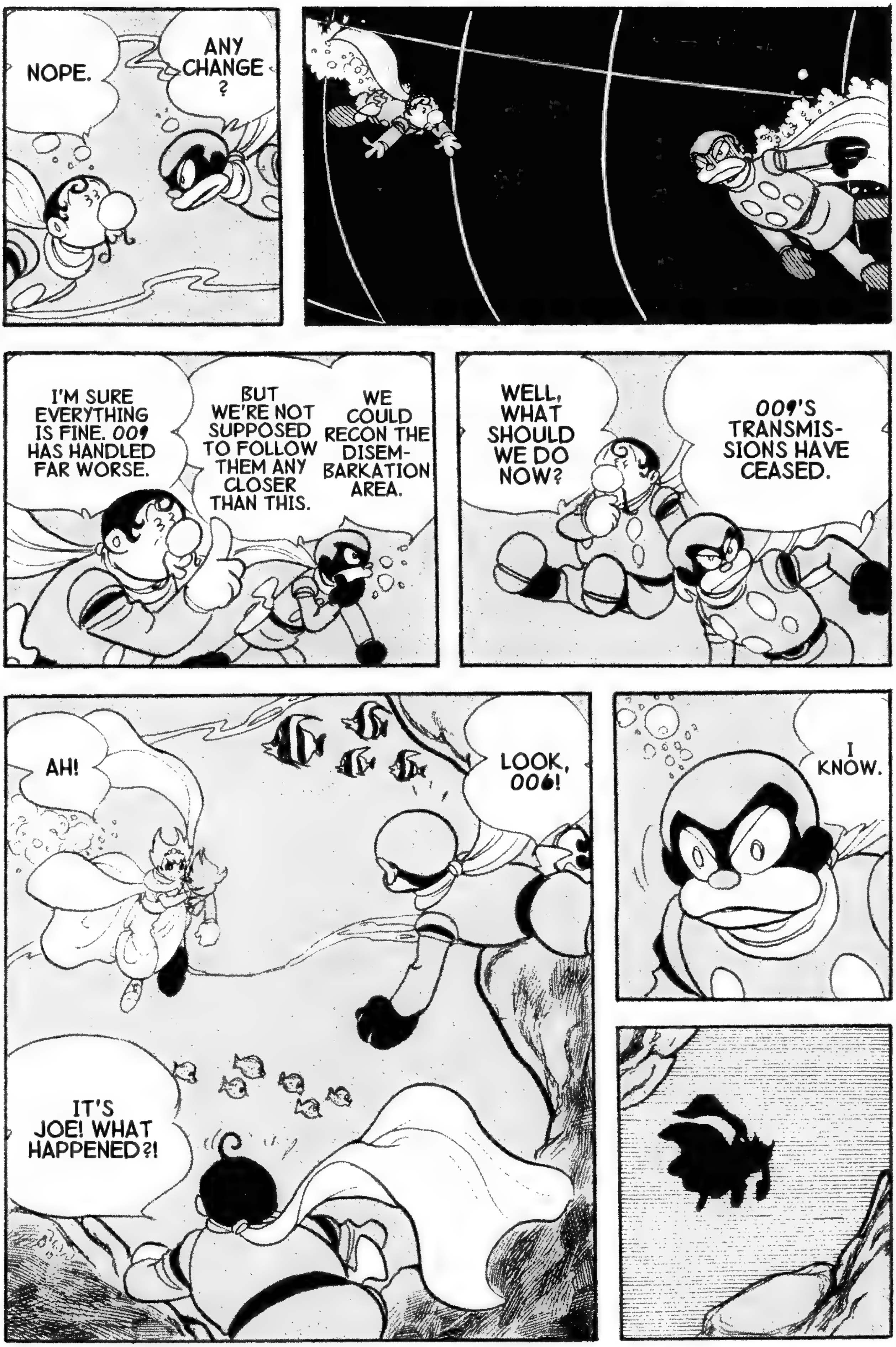
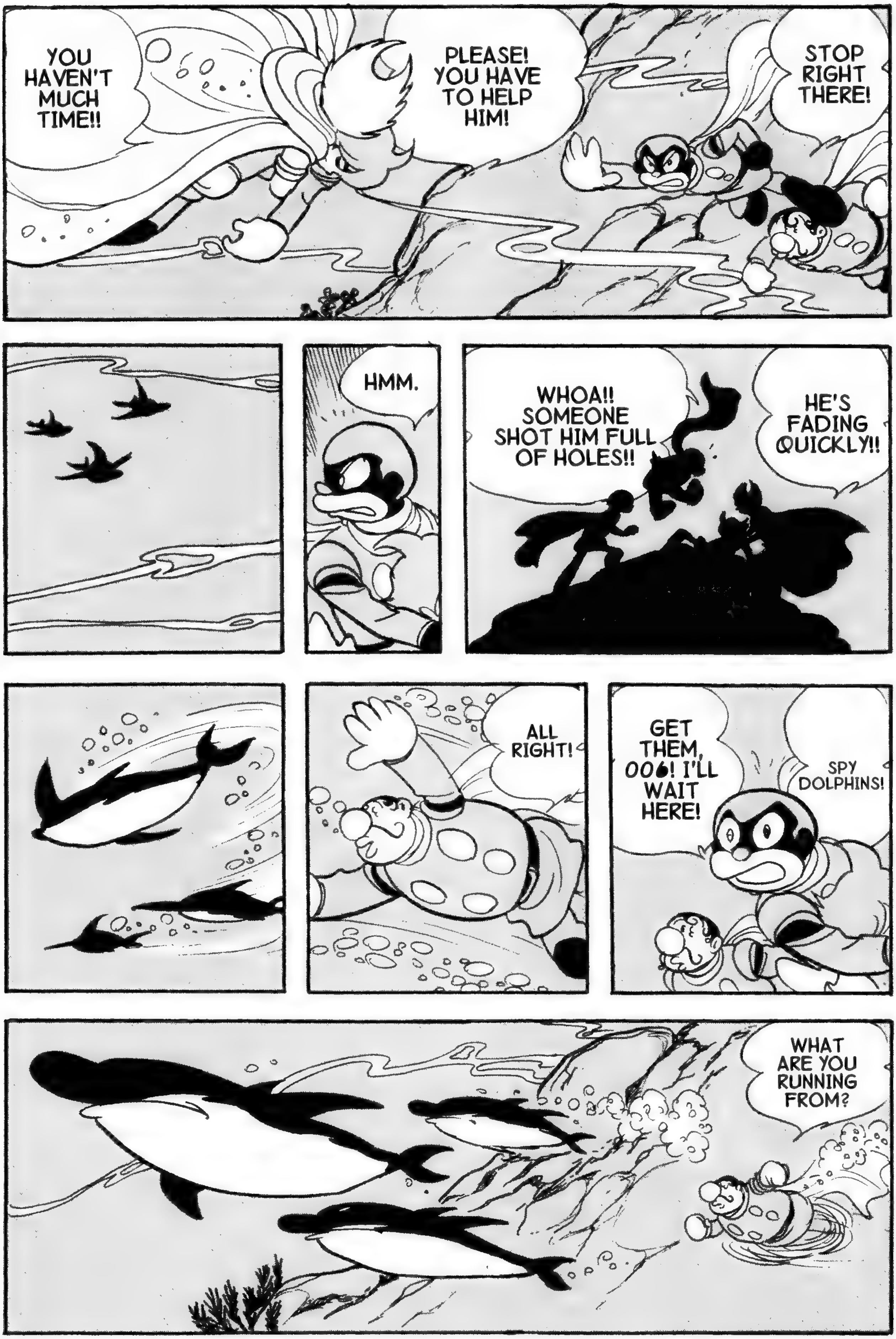
BZZT ビュルルル
BE BE BE
HAH HA HA HA!
WAH HA HA HA HA!

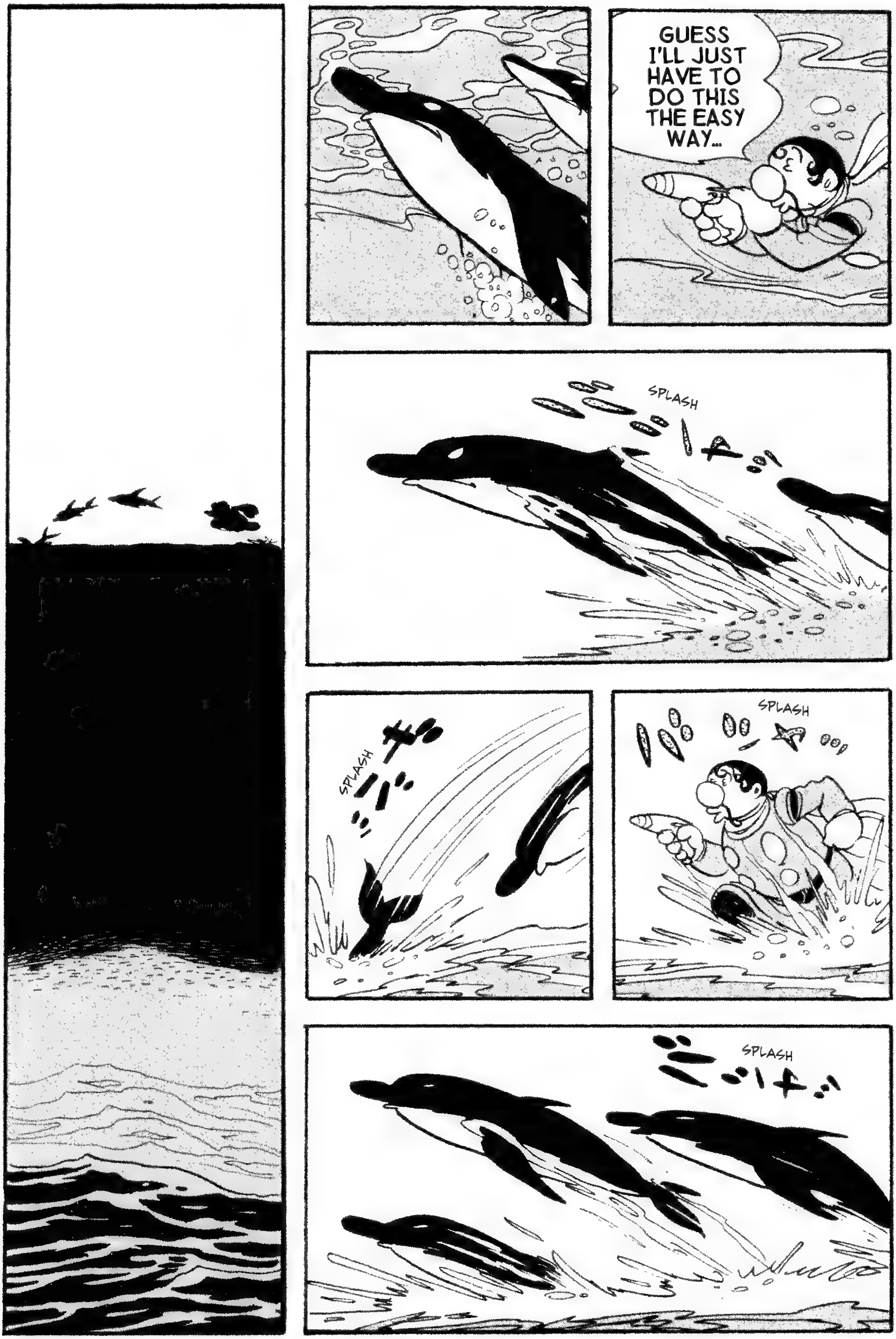

GO AHEAD... TRY AND BREAK THROUGH THAT! SIX THOUSAND VOLTS OF RAW ELECTRICITY!
IF YOU SO MUCH AS GRAZE IT, YOU BE SHOCKED INTO A COMA!
YEAH? I'LL PUT YOU IN A...
DON'T WASTE YOUR BREATH!
I'D MAKE YOUR PEACE WITH GOD...!
...RATHER THAN RIDDLE ME WITH EMPTY THREATS!
SOON, THE REST OF YOUR PITIFUL ARMY WILL BE HERE TO SAVE YOU!
WHY, 003, YOU CAN PROBABLY SEE THEM NOW, HEADING UNKNOWINGLY TO THEIR DOOM!
....
DON'T YOU WISH YOU COULD WARN THEM?
HEE HEE HEE HEE!
HEE HEE HEE HEE!
YOU COULDN'T SQUEEZE EVEN A TELEPATHIC MESSAGE THROUGH YOUR CAGE!!
AND WHEN YOUR FRIENDS ARRIVE, I'LL DELIVER ONE SWIFT DEATH STRIKE TO THE LOT OF YOU!!

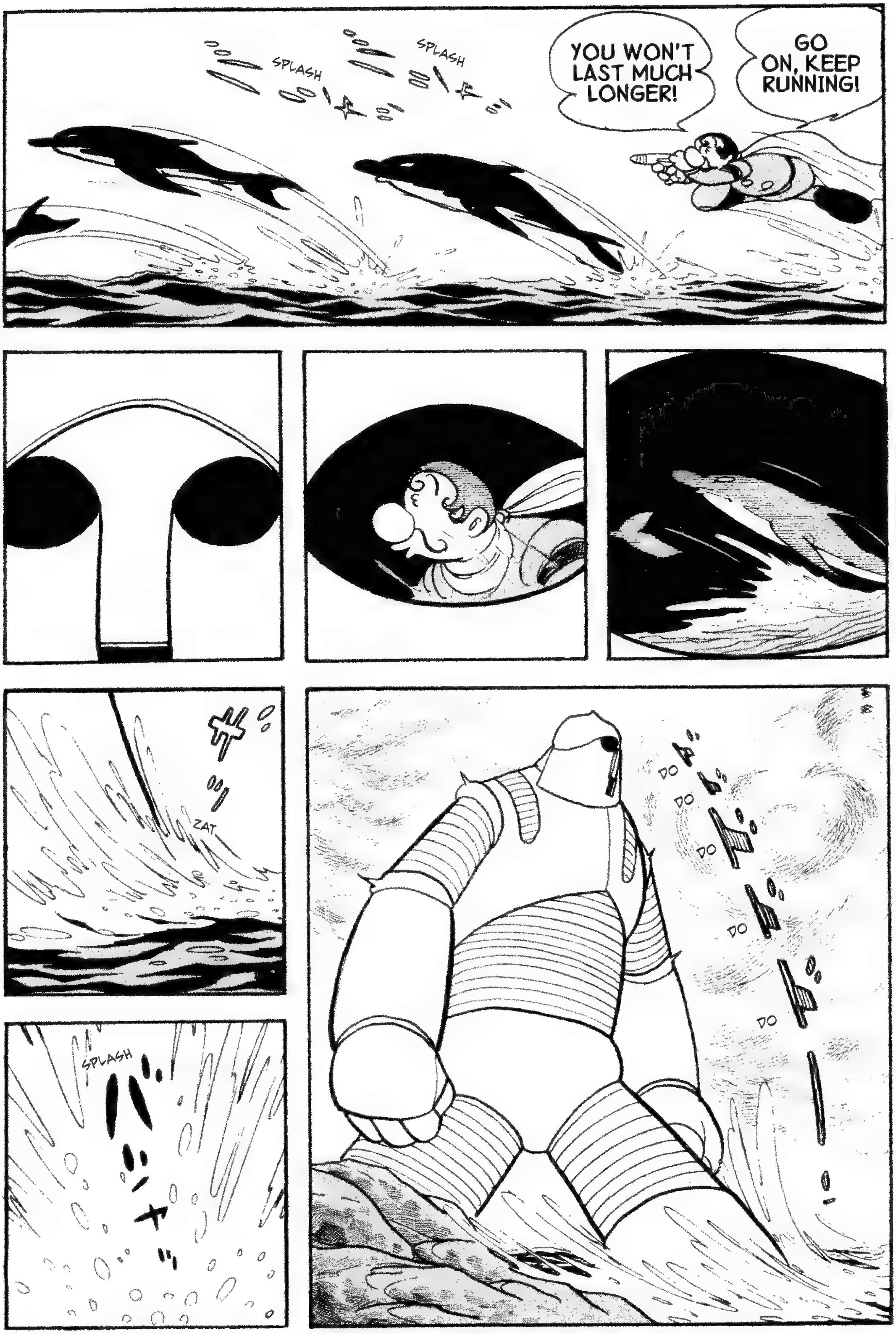

TRAITOR!
YOU, OF COURSE, WILL NOT GET THE QUICK DEATH THEY WILL!
PAN!
GLARE
....
KII!
KIKI! KI!
KI! KI KI KI KI KI!
SO INNOCENT AND YOUNG...
...AND NOW YOU'VE BETRAYED MY TRUST!
KI KI KI!
CAREFUL!
Squeak.
I KNOW THAT YOU TOO HAVE BETRAYED MY TRUST!
....
YOU'RE NO BETTER THAN DR. URANUS!

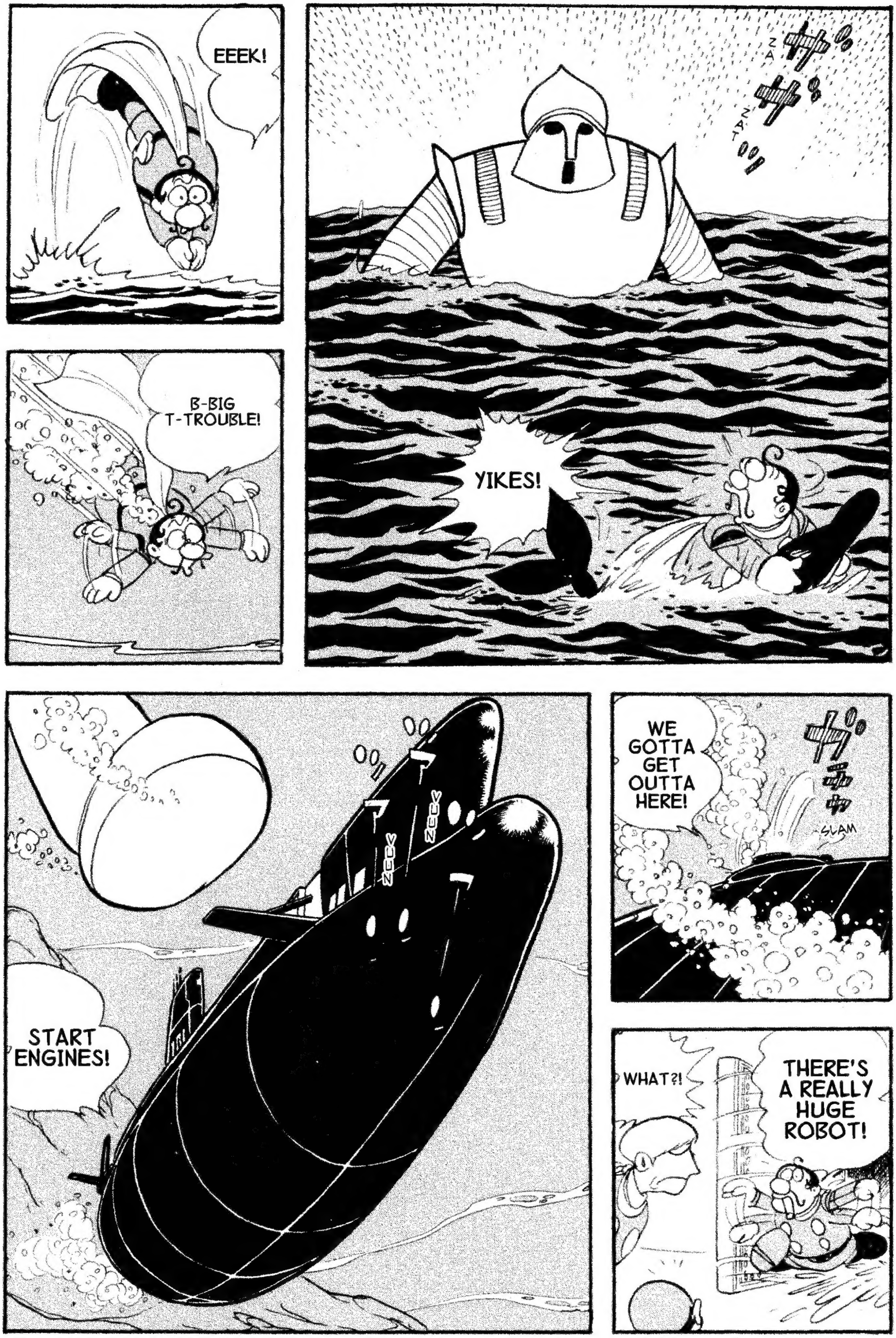

YOU TOO...
...ARE A TRAITOR!
I HEARD FROM A LITTLE MOUSE...
...THAT YOU ARE NOT TO BE TRUSTED!
SQUEEK
チュッ
101

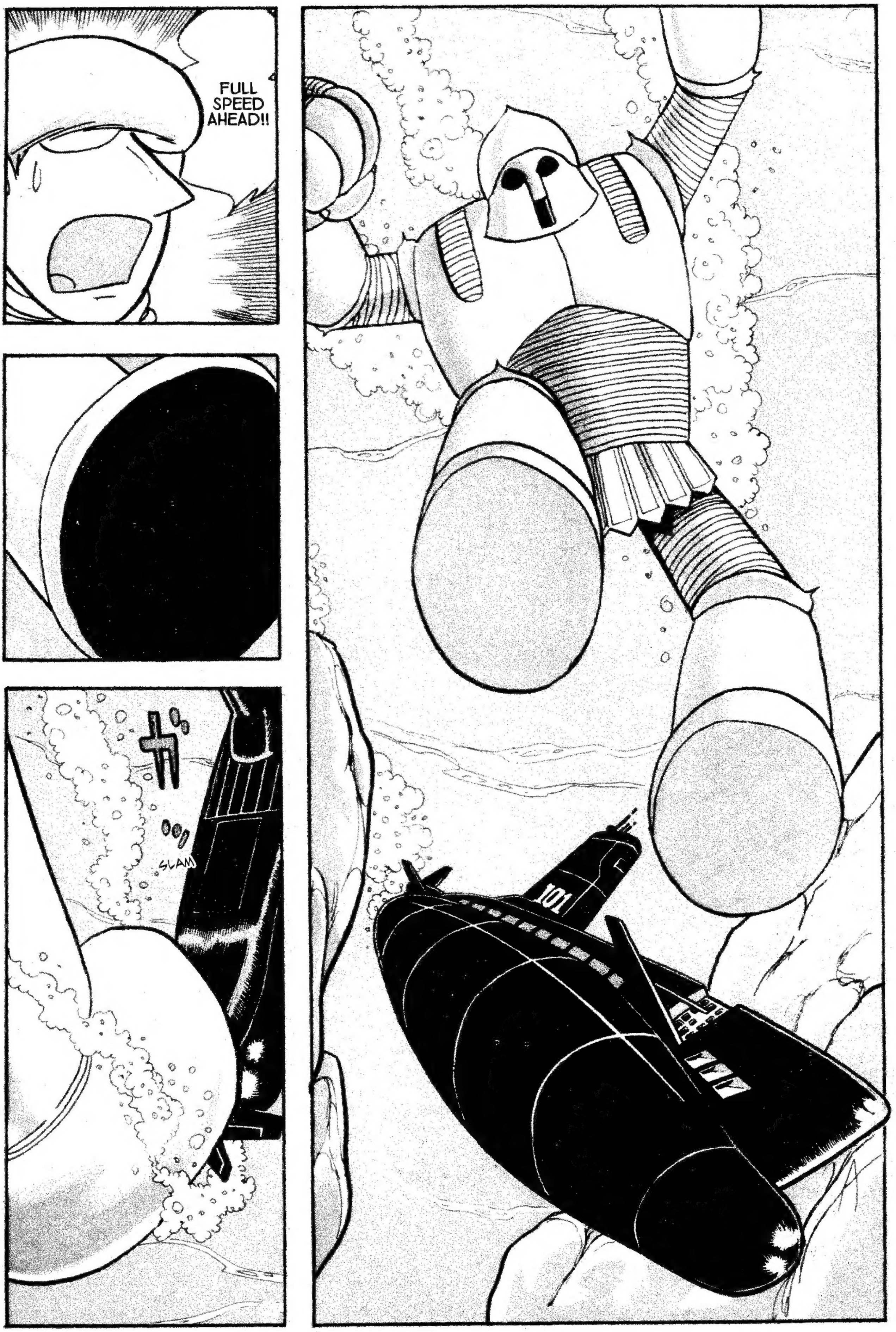

ANY CHANGE?
NOPE.
009'S TRANSMISSIONS HAVE CEASED.
WELL, WHAT SHOULD WE DO NOW?
WE COULD RECON THE DISEMBARKATION AREA.
BUT WE'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO FOLLOW THEM ANY CLOSER THAN THIS.
I'M SURE EVERYTHING IS FINE. 009 HAS HANDLED FAR WORSE.
I KNOW.
LOOK, 006!
AH!
IT'S JOE! WHAT HAPPENED?!


YOU HAVEN'T MUCH TIME!!
PLEASE! YOU HAVE TO HELP HIM!
STOP RIGHT THERE!
HMM.
WHOA!! SOMEONE SHOT HIM FULL OF HOLES!!
HE'S FADING QUICKLY!!
ALL RIGHT!
GET THEM, 006! I'LL WAIT HERE!
SPY DOLPHINS!
WHAT ARE YOU RUNNING FROM?


GUESS I'LL JUST HAVE TO DO THIS THE EASY WAY...
SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH


GO ON, KEEP RUNNING!
YOU WON'T LAST MUCH LONGER!
SPLASH
SPLASH
ZAT
DO
DO
DO
DO
DO
SPLASH


EEEK!
ZA ZAT
B-BIG T-TROUBLE!
YIKES!
START ENGINES!
WE GOTTA GET OUTTA HERE!
SLAM
WHAT?!
THERE'S A REALLY HUGE ROBOT!


101
FULL SPEED AHEAD!!
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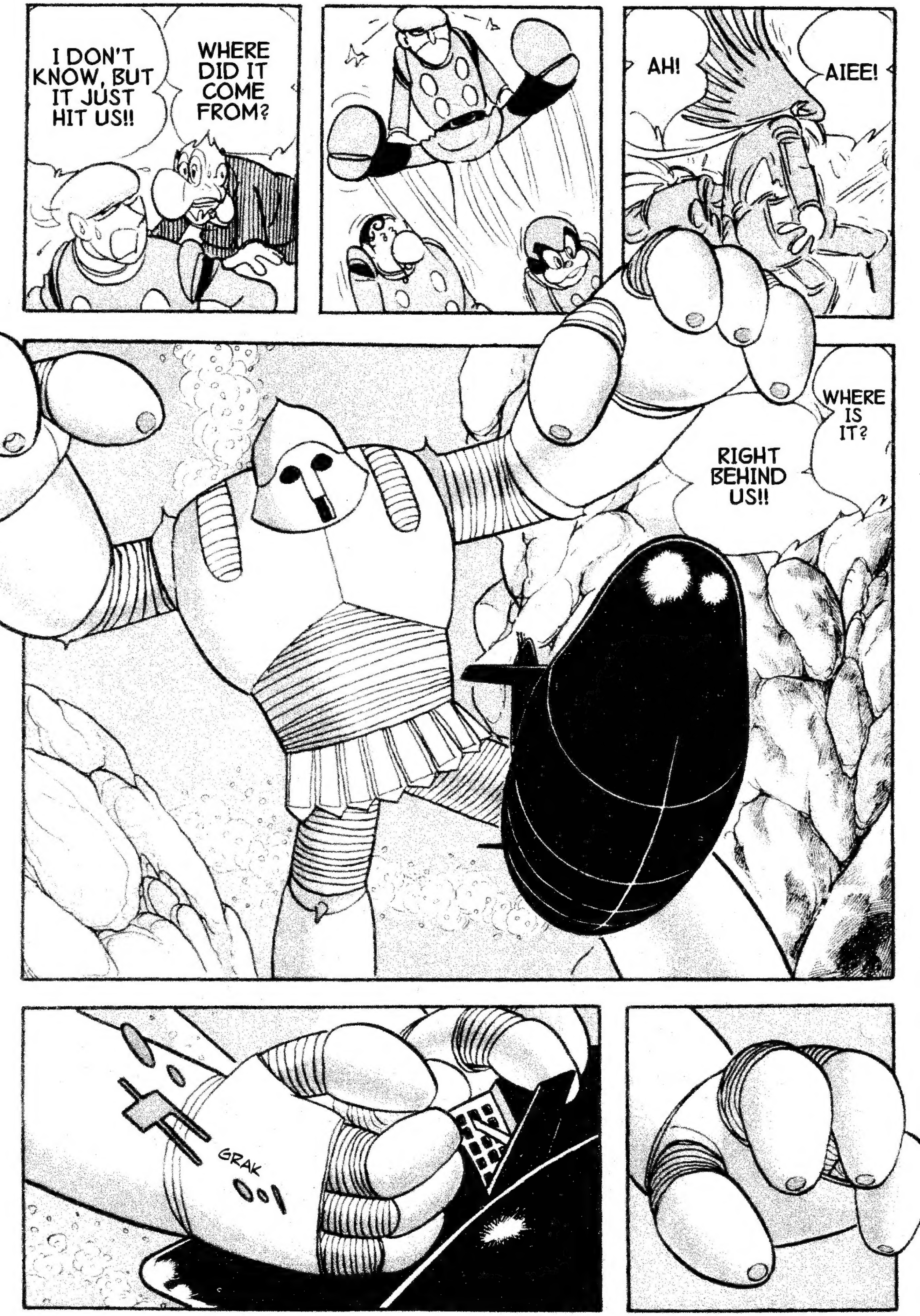
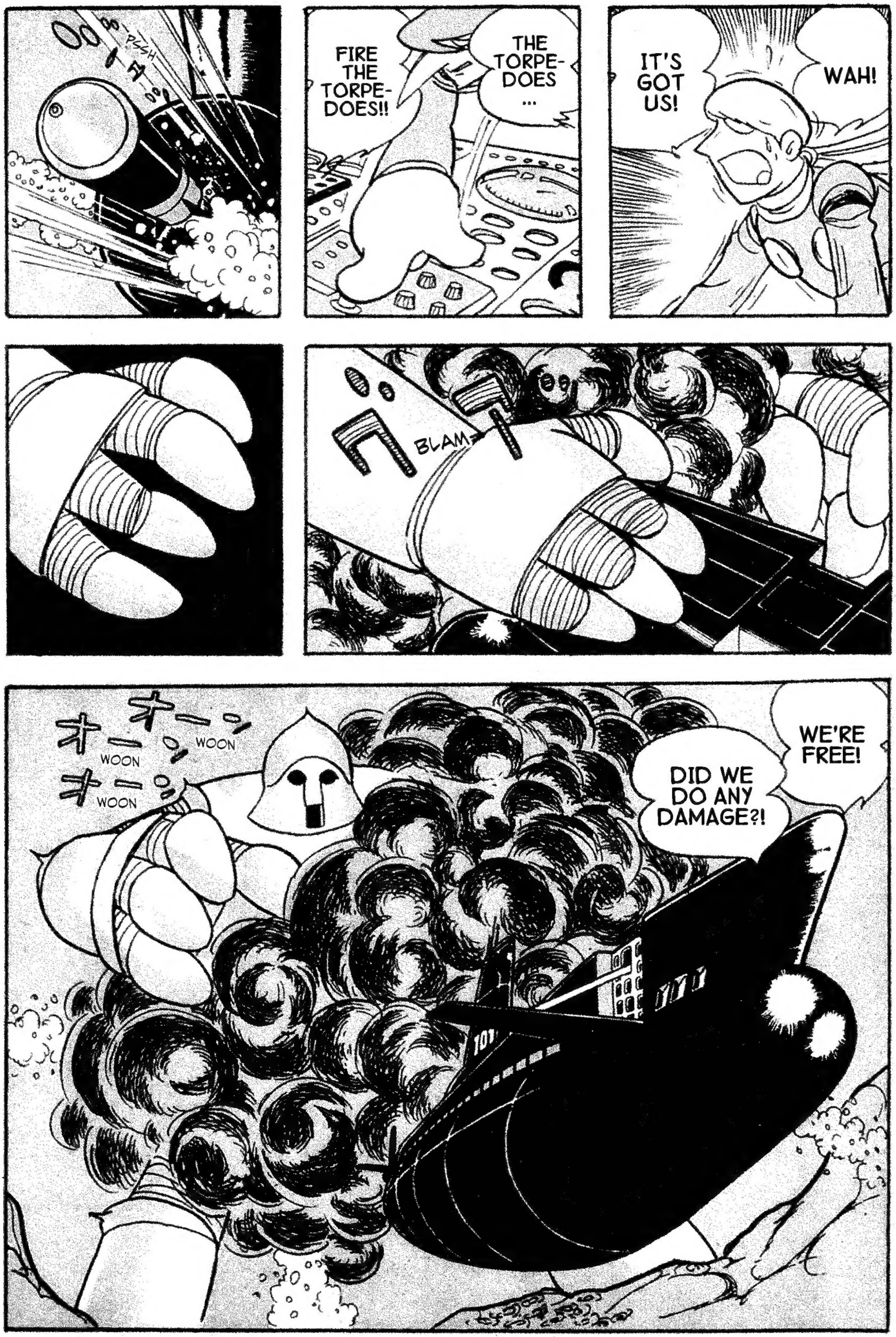
SLAM


WHERE DID IT COME FROM?
I DON'T KNOW, BUT IT JUST HIT US!!
AIEE!
AH!
WHERE IS IT?
RIGHT BEHIND US!!
GRAK


PSSH
FIRE THE TORPEDOES!!
THE TORPEDOES ...
IT'S GOT US!
WAH!
BLAM
オーーッ
WOON
オーーッ
WOON
オーーッ
WOON
WE'RE FREE!
DID WE DO ANY DAMAGE?!

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